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n earlier period—the age of dealt with sandstone, and cianic ash and lava at Pon- showed that there was the neighbourhood of Lam- ther out at sea, and this ve been submarine. The o formed a beautiful green d near Donabate for road

y Dublin the granite was forced up in a huge plug sedimentary rocks. After ying beds were eaten away revealing the granite and of Dublin and Wicklow, in solution from the cooling mined along its margin at vcorus. with underground heat, the ed his hearers by his talk d cold. The origin of revealed by studies in nland and other places, he showed that ice had been at which must have deposited Dublin, travelled from the Dublin mountains, and deflected towards the sea, and continued down the . The evidence for the erhaps over a thousand feet was found in the boulder scratched rocks, the over- ice-dammed lakes and the re transported and carried ry large attendance at the

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rd of H.M. Patent Office, s the hopes and fears of s promising indication of tions totalled over 30,000 welve months. While this s than that for 1925, the d a decrease of over 5,000 922. Most significant, how- that it was during the latter just ending that renewed notable. Rayner, the London Patent ry lane, states that wireless hold pride of place in the new inventions have secured results, but also reduction apparatus. Depression in hipbuilding have influenced ndustries; but, on the other enius in the motor industry resulted in an all-British car world's competition. There clever domestic patents, a er of them from women who household improvements are fidently anticipates in the bstantial increase in British ventions are expected relat- oblems, both in construction s. The importance of trade ify British and Colonial be emphasised and en- Safeguarding of Industries

PATIENT JUDGE.

Morley, Torquay, in a letter calls a story told by the late better known to old Vic- enry Hawkins, K.C. the court presided over by well-known judge in those nter married Lord Salisbury, most punctual judge, and him more than his Court's se. ase was on for hearing, and e present to the minute ex- .C. of "vast proportions." was getting very angry at g, and kept on tapping on pencil. r of the court opened, and the body of the offending roportions" appeared. angry judge at once: "Here erent," with a marked and he first two syllables of the

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CONWAY—December 27, 1924, at 5 Mount street Crescent, the wife of John Conway, 4 Upper Stephen street, a son.

HOGAN—December 27, 1924, at the Engineers' House, Curragh Camp, to Colonel and Mrs. Michael Hogan, a daughter.

THOMPSON—December 31, 1924, at 2 Malvern, Greystones, to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

FLACK and GOURLIE—December 26, 1924, at Abbey Presbyterian Church, by Rev. J. D. Osborne, D.D., William James Black, eldest son of late William Black, of Dublin, to Florence Rainsford, second eldest daughter of John Gourlie, 235 N.C. road, Dublin.

BYRNE and NOLAN—On Monday, December 22, 1924, at Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar, by Rev. Canon Mernagh, P.P., Ballyroughter (cousin of bride), assisted by Rev. T. Hill, Rev. J. O'Nolan, P.P.; Rev. T. P. Kelly, S.J. (cousin of bride); Rev. J. Lawler, P.P.; and Rev. J. Whittaker, S.J.—William M., second son of the late Terence Byrne, of this city, to Mary, daughter of the late John Nolan, Fairfield House, Rathgar (formerly Rathkenna, County Carlow).

SILVER WEDDING.

"BOLTON and KNIGHT—January 5, by special licence, at St. Matthias' Church, Dublin, by the Rev. Maurice Day, M.A., Samuel H. Bolton (Queen's Avres), second son of the late Samuel H. Bolton, J.P., Grove House, Rathmines, County Dublin, to Mary Geraldine, second daughter of Geo. Knight, Clerk of the Crown and Peace, Lack-an-ash Trim, County Meath. No cards.—597 Antrim road, Belfast.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 8.

BYRNE—January 1, 1925, at 3 Urban Villas, Dun Laoghaire, Mary Anne Byrne. Deeply mourned. Funeral private.

CREGAN—January 1, 1925, at the Royal Hospital, Donnybrook, Captain Thomas Ashe Cregan, aged 68, son of the late Christmas Thomas Cregan, and grandson of the Rev. William Sandes Ashe, Rector of Killenvore, County Roscommon, and Martin Cregan, President, Royal Hibernian Academy. Funeral private. Inserted by his daughter, Mrs. Tom Ferguson, The Cottage, Clonskeagh Castle.

FOOTT—December 31, 1924, at Hampton in Arden, Warwickshire, England, William Thomas Foott, dearly-loved husband of Dorothy M. Foott, Malahide, Knollworth Park, Dublin.

FREW—December 16, 1924, at Sutton, Maureen, the beloved eldest child of James and Margaret Frew, aged 19 years. R.I.P.

HARVEY—December 31, 1924, suddenly, at Geneva, Dr. Lucius Walsh Harvey, second son of the late William Watson Harvey, of Rock Cottage, Passage West, County Cork.

HERBERT—January 1, 1925, at 6 Abercorn terrace, Harold's Cross road, Allen Herbert. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral private.

LLOYD—January 3, 1925, at Virginia Rectory, County Cavan, the Rev. Henry Minchin Lloyd, A.B., son of the late Charles Henry Lloyd, Esq., Lisbeen Castle, County Tipperary, and of Mrs. Lloyd, Briar Dene, Rowland's Gill, Durham. Funeral to Virginia to-day (Saturday) at 2 o'clock.

McDOWELL—January 1, 1925, in Dublin, Christina Margaret, darling little daughter of William H. and Margaret McDowell, Carrig Brae, Bray, aged 6 years. "Suffer the little children to come unto Me." Funeral private.

MADDEN—January 2, 1925, at St. Mary's, Terrace, Athlone, Mrs. Maddock, widow of the late John Madden, R.I.P. Funeral from St. Mary's Church at 3 o'clock to-morrow (Sunday) for Cornamagh Cemetery.

MOONEY—January 2, 1925, in Private Hospital, Charles E. Mooney, Tolka Park, Clarence, aged 38 years. R.I.P. Funeral (private), after 10 o'clock Mass, St. Peter's, Phibsborough, Monday morning. No flowers.

MURPHY—January 1, 1925, at his residence, 9 Upper Pembroke street, John Murphy, to the inexpressible grief of his wife, daughters, sons-in-law, and a large circle of friends. Funeral to-day (Saturday). English papers please copy.

O'DONOGHUE—January 2, 1925, at Sligo, James Joseph O'Donoghue, journalist, eldest son of the late James O'Donoghue, H.M. Customs, Waterford, aged 52 years. R.I.P.

SHEANE—January 2, 1925, at his residence, Coolhalliby, Richard Sheane, aged 64. Funeral to Glenealy at 1 o'clock Monday, 5th. No flowers, by request.

IN MEMORIAM.

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Mr. Richard A. Walker, LL.D., presided, and the other directors present were—Messrs. Alexander Gray, E. Connolly, P. H. Grierson, A. H. Mercer, and William Ireland, J.P.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, a summary of which has already been published in the *Irish Times*, said that in other years the object of the directors had been to find suitable mortgages for the money at their disposal, but during the past year their difficulty had been to meet the number of applications for loans which had poured in upon them. During the past twelve months they had had a number of applications for building loans, and they had, in fact, made forty-three for that purpose. During the preceding nine years they had made altogether only forty-four building loans. From this it might be judged how building operations had increased. The houses that were being built were, for the most part, small houses costing from about £600 to £1,500. This was the first year since the war that any considerable number of houses had been built, and he thought that the grants now being made by the Government and the local authorities had encouraged many people to build who would not otherwise have done so. The Society had at present Government securities to the value of £32,000, and they did not propose to let their investments fall below that figure. As a result of that, they had been limiting their advances to the sums which they got in from day to day—roughly about £1,000 a week. Applications for the purpose of building, or of buying houses for the borrowers to live in had been given the preference.

The sum advanced during the year was over £70,000, which was far in excess of the sum usually lent. The total amount of their mortgage investments was upwards of £255,000, which was the largest amount that they had held since the beginning of the present century. They held altogether 708 mortgages, 587 of which were for sums under £500. Their profits for the year amounted to £9,631 6s. 5d., which, with £693 10s. 7d. from the last account, made a total of £10,324 17s. Out of that they had applied £1,560 for possible losses on mortgage securities, and they had placed £1,500 to reserve, thus bringing the total reserve to £24,991. They had paid a bonus of 2s. 6d. per share, which, with the dividend, absorbed £6,600, leaving a balance of £664 to be carried forward. Their deposits had increased from £127,043 to £142,394. Their turn-over for the year was £418,206, which was considerably in excess of the amount shown by the accounts in recent years. Expenses of management amounted only to £3,734 2s. 11d., which worked out at 17s. 10d. per cent. on the turn-over.

Mr. Ireland seconded the motion for the adoption of the report.

Mr. Alexander Conan, criticising the report, said that a dividend of 5½ per cent. was nothing to boast about. He did not pretend that the concern was well managed, when he knew it was not.

Mr. A. W. Beatty said that he thought the report was very satisfactory, and that a large volume of business had been conducted very satisfactorily.

Mr. Carruthers said that, in fact, the dividend was equivalent to nearly 9 per cent.

The Chairman, having replied to Mr. Conan's criticisms, declared the report adopted unanimously.

Messrs. Alexander Gray and Edward Connolly, who retired by rotation, were re-elected directors.

The auditors, Messrs. Craig, Gardner, and E. B. Bate, were re-elected, and, on the motion of Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. J. Kennedy, a resolution was passed ordering that the bonus of £25 each to the six directors be continued for this year.

NEW IRELAND ASSURANCE COMPANY.

A special general meeting of this company was held yesterday at the offices, 12 Dawson street, Dublin, for the purpose of considering a motion the object of which was to sanction the taking over by the company of the engagements of the New Ireland Assurance Collecting Society, including the liability on foot of all the policies issued by that society on the terms that the Collecting Society shall transfer to the New Ireland Assurance Company all the property, money and funds of the society.

On the motion of Dr. James Ryan, seconded by Mr. T. Nolan, a resolution was passed sanctioning the proposed transfer.

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A RESPITE AND A RESUMPTION.
(BY PAT'O.)

Two Senior League matches at Croke Park and three Sunday League games at St. James's Park are listed for to-morrow. In provincial circles the holiday respite continues, and the month of January will be devoted almost exclusively to club meetings, annual conventions, re-organisation of County Boards, plans for the 1926 programme, and stock-taking generally.

Kickhams, fresh from their All-Ireland Championship success, host Civic Guards to-morrow morning in the Senior Hurling League. The match has a very important bearing on the League's issue, and both Committees are busy "whipping up" players after the holidays. I doubt if either team will be at full strength, and the Guards' recent display against Young Irelands was not convincing. Jim Howard they have a very efficient leader and an exhaustive of the genuine type, who will spare no pains to have his host team out. Some of Kickhams seniors have been rusticating, but if any of their good junior team commit to join their junior status a good team will be fielded. Kickhams juniors are a very capable lot, and serve more anxious to be good juniors than doubtful seniors. The match ought to give some indication of relative club strength, but its result must not be taken very seriously at this stage.

The football match which follows will be more instructive. "Tooles last to St. Mary's recently, and the defeat may room them to respect the D.M.P. opposition to-morrow. Since their formation last year the D.M.P. teams have made very steady progress, their early displays were crude and unfinished. The material seemed to be there, and is needed earnest coaching and steady practice to develop the necessary polish which characterises a first-rate team. Recent matches in Leagues and friendly ties pointed to well-defined improvement. The handling was better, the kicking more accurate, and the cleverly methods in attack associated with the team's early displays have disappeared. Both physique and training the D.M.P. men have big advantages, and we shall watch their play to-morrow with great interest. The Kildare pair of athlete footballers, Stanley and Mugan, will be on the team, and with Ryan in the attack O'Toole's may need their best team to stave off defeat.

Two matches in the 1924 Senior Football Championship remain to be played—Cavan (Ulster champions) meet Dublin (Leinster champions) at Croke Park a fortnight hence, and the winners meet Kerry in the final. My information at the moment is that the final will be kept off until the weather settles. It may not be played before Easter time, and the suggested postponement has much to recommend it. Croke Park wants a rest, the turf needs re-sodding, and midwinter has proved a poor paying period for big Gaelic games. All the big Gaelic games gates have been summer time rates, and all our Senior and Junior Gaelic games have been played under sunny skies and on a fast sod.

It is generally assumed that Dublin, following their beautiful football against Wexford, will win against Cavan. If the expected comes to pass then we are in for a stern struggle between the champions and their most serious rivals. Kerry dominated Irish football for a period of four years just as Dublin has done, and Kerry seem to be on the road to another such period. They may lose their captain, Philip O'Sullivan, at an early date, for he is going to another county, but he will play with Kerry in this year's championship. Kerry will benefit by the delayed programme, and Dublin in the meantime seems likely to lose their most brilliant forward, who may be playing under another code. The game is of absorbing interest.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES.

CROKE PARK.
Kickhams v. Guards (Senior Hurling), 11.45.
O'Toole's v. D.M.P. (Senior Football League), 2 p.m.

ST. JAME'S PARK.
Crumlin v. Rineera (Minor), 10 noon.
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LAW AGENT AND TOWN CLERK.

CONFLICT OF OPINION AT DALKEY INQUIRY.

A sworn inquiry concerning certain proceedings of the Dalkey Urban Council, mainly arising out of an apparent difference of views on the part of the Law Agent, Mr. J. J. McDonald, solicitor, and Mr. J. G. Treston, Town Clerk, was held by Mr. Nicholas O'Dwyer, Local Government Inspector, in the Town Hall, Dalkey, yesterday.

Mr. Serjeant Hanna, K.C. (instructed by Mr. Vincent Kennedy) was for Mr. McDonald; Mr. Lardner, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. T. and D. Fitzgerald, solicitors), appeared for the Alliance Gas Company; Mr. Lavery (instructed by Mr. J. J. O'Mara) represented the Urban Council; Mr. Shiel, solicitor, appeared for Mr. Treston; Mr. Wood, K.C. (instructed by Mr. P. Sheridan), appeared for several of the Councillors, viz., Mr. T. Powlicy (ex-Chairman) and Messrs. Mulhall (Vice-Chairman), Quirke, and Warren.

Mr. J. J. McDonald, examined by Serjeant Hanna, said that he had been a solicitor for about 25 or 26 years. He had been acting as Law Agent for about 19 years for the Dalkey Urban Council.

Was there any formal resolution appointing you? asked Serjeant Hanna.

Mr. McDonald—I could not answer that. Continuing, he said that during 19 years he had conducted all the legal business of the Council, whether in proceedings in court or in chamber. No other solicitor had been appointed by the Council, except in the matter of taxing his costs. He had been referred to as the Council's Law Agent in the Council's correspondence, and the officials had been in the habit of consulting the witness as Law Agent under a resolution of the Council. Nobody having anything to do with the Council had ever before complained of his inefficiency and inattention.

Serjeant Hanna—Did anybody suggest that you or Mr. Kelly had not done your best in the District Court?

Mr. McDonald—I never heard any such suggestion. Proceeding, the witness said that, as directed by Mr. Treston, he took all necessary steps to obtain an injunction against the Gas Company, and at an interview with the Surveyor and the Town Clerk he informed them that they could not issue a writ until damage had actually been done, and that a resolution of the Council was necessary. Councillor Quirke informed him that no resolution had been adopted by the Council dismissing Mr. McDonald, and that the charges referred to in the letter of the Town Clerk had never been made against him. On the 20th of November he wrote asking the Local Government Department for an inquiry.

THE DOCUMENTS.

Further examined, Mr. McDonald stated that he had no documents belonging to the Council, and it was absolutely untrue that certain mortgages could not be got from him.

Mr. Wood, K.C., said that this young gentleman, the Town Clerk, thought that he was the Council, that he was the master, and had been obsessed with that throughout. Mr. McDonald was a man greatly wronged by the Councillors, who acted on the advice of the Town Clerk.

Mr. Thomas Dowling, ex-Chairman of the Council, said that Mr. H. B. O'Hanlon, solicitor, had only been appointed for the Gas Company's and another case—that of McGeokey. At any meeting that he (witness) attended Mr. McDonald had not been dismissed. He did not propose a resolution to the effect that deeds and documents should be transferred from Mr. McDonald's office to the strong room in the Town Hall. It was stated that the Town Clerk had said to Mr. McDonald that he was considering writing to the Local Government Department, asking them to suppress the Dalkey Urban Council. Witness said that if there was any truth in that it came very badly from the Town Clerk.

Serjeant Hanna—Who was to be appointed Commissioner?

Witness—I do not know.

In reply to Mr. Lavery, witness said that he was a Kildare man, and knew that the Gas Company had a right to go through the footpath. He asked permission to make a statement. He had been charged by the Town Clerk's brother with having been dictated to by two publicans at the meeting of the 27th. Councillor Treston had apologised to him for that statement, and he would not have mentioned the matter but that the Town Clerk had repeated that witness had attended special meetings in Tyson's house. Witness now said, on his oath, that there was no meeting in Tyson's, and that he never attended a meeting in it.

QUESTION OF DISMISSAL.

Other Councillors having given evidence, Mr. Quirke, in reply to Mr. Shiel, said that he had accused Mr. Treston of dismissing Mr. McDonald. According to his view, Mr. McDonald was not dismissed, but according to the letter received from the Town Clerk Mr. McDonald was dismissed. The Town Clerk had advised the Council that such charges might follow the carrying out of certain business.

Councillor Mohan, in reply to the Inspector, said that he did not recollect anything in the resolution that he had seconded referring to "lack of confidence in Mr. McDonald."

Councillor Warren said that in his opinion Mr. McDonald was not dismissed. On the report given by the Town Clerk he had voted for the resolution showing lack of confidence in Mr. McDonald. The Council had only acted on what had been reported to them. He had made the statement that he had a lack of confidence in Mr. McDonald on the Town Clerk's report. No one passed any remark on that but himself.

Mr. Lavery said that it appeared now that the real issue was Mr. McDonald's conduct of the case in regard to the Gas Company and Mr. Treston's report on the matter. He appointed for the Council, and submitted that it now appeared that the Council, as a Council, adopted a consistent attitude.

Councillors White and Powell gave evidence to the effect that the officials had done their work satisfactorily.

Mr. Joseph G. Treston, Town Clerk, was called by Mr. Shiel. He said that he had been Town Clerk since January, 1922, and had been appointed by the present Council, and was, in fact, their own selection. He described the origin of the Gas Company case. The minutes of the Council meetings were accurate records of what had occurred. He agreed with Mr. McDonald's evidence down to the time of the interview in the Law Agent's office. On that occasion Mr. McDonald had addressed the engineer and himself in a heated manner. The engineer suggested that they were simply their time, and they walked out of his office. He had at no time a spirit of opposition to Mr. McDonald. He had not been quite satisfied with the Gas Company business. He thought that Mr. Kelly had not been instructed on certain points, and Mr. McDonald, when one or two points were mentioned to him in court, was quite angry. On one occasion the chairman had said that he and the vice-chairman, respecting a certain surcharge, had decided unanimously to repudiate minutes that had been written two years before.

In reply to Serjeant Hanna, the witness stated that he was twenty-four years of age. He had no experience of making serious charges against professional men. He was not prepared to say that the Gas Company case had been negligently prepared by Mr. McDonald by reason of his having employed Mr. Kelly. He could not enumerate what documents Mr. McDonald had in his possession. He had no correspondence to show that he had asked Mr. McDonald for the documents. He thought that Mr. McDonald had got something at the back of his mind and was not acting fairly in the interests of the Council. He did not think that Mr. McDonald, in employing Mr. Kelly, a junior counsel, against Mr. Lardner, a leading member of the Irish Bar, did so for the purpose of letting them down.

In reply to Mr. Wood, K.C., witness said that the document presented to the Inspector of November 27 was not the document submitted to the meeting of the Council on that date. He did not make a charge of forgery in respect of the document against Mr. Dowling, or a charge of conspiracy against the other three Councillors, but he said definitely that it was not the document put forward. He had no intention of impugning the honour, honesty and probity of a professional man like Mr. McDonald after nineteen years' service.

In reply to Mr. Lardner, the witness stated that the Council had not been properly treated by the Gas Company on several occasions.

Mr. Going, engineer, having been examined, The inquiry concluded.

IRISH COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

SIXPENNY TAX DEFENDED.

QUESTION OF PINNER SCHOOLS.

At the sixth annual meeting of the Irish Commercial Travellers' Federation, held last night in the Broadway Soda Fountain, Dublin, the economic policy of the Free State Government was discussed, and confidence in the future was expressed.

A resolution was adopted withdrawing pecuniary assistance from the Pinner Schools, Middlesex, owing to the rule in that institution obliging pupils to attend Church of England Services.

EFFECT OF TARIFFS AND OF RAILWAY AMALGAMATION.

Mr. M. O'Rourke, P.C., presided at yesterday's meeting, and remarked that they would be pleased to know that one of their members, Mr. O'Flanagan, had been appointed to a seat on the Railway Panel, which showed the standing that the Federation had with the Government.

Senator Cummins urged that commercial travellers should work towards securing free passes on the railway. Annoyance caused by Free State tariffs was serious for the moment, but the imposition of these tariffs would go a long way towards making this country self supporting. At the same time, travellers from England would probably find that these firms would be induced to introduce capital into this country. They would thus continue to work for the same employers. Forces within were at work against the interests of the nation. Forces, less harmful were working on the surface, but with a keen appreciation of the world and of true Irishmen, and the spirit of optimism that had been shown there, he believed that the nation would triumph over all these difficulties. Commercial travellers were the pioneers of industry, and would play no mean part in restoring the economic equilibrium of the country.

A SENATOR'S VIEW.

Senator McKean, in proposing "That the Irish Commercial Travellers' Federation is worthy of support," said that high taxation was, no doubt, a heavy handicap on the country's industries. Political and industrial troubles had also had a demoralising effect. Unrest was prejudicial to business, and as a result unemployment was general. Perhaps there was no class in the community that had been more badly hit than commercial travellers. The new tariffs, though it was hoped they would eventually help home industries, had injured members who sold cross-Channel goods. It was, however, generally felt amongst business people that they had seen the worst of the slump in business, and that the new year would see a great improvement in trade.

The unification of the Irish railways, they were told and believed would lead to economy and efficiency. Industry in this country in the past had been hampered by many anomalies in railway management. He hoped that that was all over. Commercial travellers were the best friends of the railway companies, yet they had hitherto received no consideration.

Referring to the Pinner Schools, Senator McKean asked why there were Catholic Governors on the Board, unless as a bait to draw Catholic subscriptions to the schools, at which it was a rule that pupils should attend the Church of England Service.

PARTIAL PROTECTION

Mr. M. O'Flanagan, P.C., in seconding the motion, alluded to protests against the six-penny tax on imported parcels and the "partial system of protection, without fully considering how far it would affect the immediate trade of the country," made by Sir Thomas Robinson at a meeting of the Dublin Branch of the United Kingdom Commercial Travellers' Association. He said that he had travelled the twenty-six counties, and had never yet heard anything approaching a demand for the abolition of the sixpenny tax. If he should venture a suggestion to the Government, who had, in face of tremendous debts and dangers, rendered sterling service to the community, it would be that, inasmuch as they had not hitherto availed of the quasi-tative capacity representative of the real trading community of the country on the question of taxing incoming commodities, they should be careful not to be unduly influenced by the element whose chief concern was to bring grist to their own mills.

In connection with protection, Mr. O'Flanagan referred to the woollen trade, which was not a "local industry," as Sir Thomas wrongly described those which were partially protected. He (the speaker) called them national industries, and if over there was necessity for protection it was in the case of woollen and clothing industries. The Irish mills could produce materials quite as good as any from the broad acres of Yorkshire. A Government calling itself National, such as theirs was, must protect by legislation historic national industries, or simply perish.

PINNER SCHOOLS.

Mr. O'Flanagan then proposed the following resolution:—"That this meeting, while demanding equal facilities for all inmates at Pinner Schools, Middlesex, hereby pledges itself to render no pecuniary assistance whatever to that institution or to any Irish association which has not responded to the appeal for the abrogation of the obnoxious Rules 3 and 4 until this ban of religious inferiority has been removed."

Mr. M. Dalton seconded.

Mr. R. Burgess objected to the resolution, because, he said, it would show that they were a biased body; also because it would withdraw support from deserving orphans by withholding contributions to the boxes in hotels.

Mr. P. J. Holland supported this objection, although not in favour of Pinner Schools.

Mr. O'Flanagan explained that the resolution was proposed pending action by the United Kingdom or Irish Commercial Travellers' Associations.

Mr. P. J. Mannion said that the condemnation of the Pinner Schools was either right or wrong, and if they did not contribute to the boxes the responsibility rested with the other associations.

Mr. P. J. O'Sullivan looked upon the boxes as proof of their inability to secure a living wage.

Mr. Holland's amendment, that at the end of the resolution the words "Irish box subscriptions be excepted," was defeated by 11 votes to 29.

Mr. O'Flanagan's motion was then put and carried.

A smoking concert followed.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Mr. M. J. Kilmurry read the annual report, which stated that the past year for travellers had been one of trial and depressed business. Perhaps the greater part of the depression might be attributed to the very bad and wet summer, which did not augur expectantly to the future, and undoubtedly this affected various trades and interests. Reports from other countries, however, showed that they were not alone in this respect. They were starting another year full of hope and success. The Federation was beginning its sixth year with a larger membership than before, proving that this was the organisation to which commercial travellers should belong.

The Treasurer, Mr. W. P. Brennan, reported that the balance sheet showed steady progress during the past four years. They had a substantial sum invested in the National Loan. They also had a substantial sum to credit in the bank.

The report and statement of accounts having been adopted,

The Committee were re-elected.

PRIZES FOR FANCY DRESS DESIGN.

Prizes ranging from two to ten guineas are offered by advertisers for the design of advertising fancy dress costumes in connection with the Publicity Club Advertising ball, to be held in the Metropole, Dublin, on January 30th.

This will be the first occasion when a great array of advertising characters and costumes representing well-known advertised articles will be seen together. It is hoped that it may be possible to distribute a number of attractive samples of various advertised goods.

A special attraction will be a Cabaret Show. The Committee is planning several other attractions, and hopes to make this event an outstanding success of the dancing season.

THE SUGGESTED CLOTHES TAX.

DUBLIN TAILORING TRADE.

With close on three months to go before the introduction of the Irish Free State Budget, Dublin is full of speculation as to its provisions. This is in large measure due to the rumour that a protective tariff of 25 per cent. will be put on imported made-up clothing. In Government circles no one will say whether or not there will be such a tariff; outside, its pros and cons are being debated keenly. Should such a tax be imposed, it certainly will not come with the surprise of the duty on footwear of last year.

It is now fairly evident that there will be no general opening up in Dublin, for the present at least, of branch extensions of the big clothing factories in Leeds, London and other English centres. A few of those manufacturers who turn out the cheaper rads of men's ready to-wear suits may risk the venture, but we are authoritatively informed that the firms which supply the better-class suits, priced up to seven guineas, will not risk the investment of large sums in new factories or workshops in Dublin for a long time. Their chief deterrent is the fear that capital sunk in Dublin is always in danger from labour upheavals for any or for no cause.

The master tailors of the city are not perturbed by the suggestion that there may be a revolution in the methods of producing clothes for men. The great bulk of those who in the past were measured for their suits by a tailor will not be satisfied with the best "ready-made" that money can buy.

There is great unemployment in the tailoring trade, workers in which are the most insistent for the imposition of a tariff against imported clothing. All employers are not at all sure that the suggested remedy by them is the right one. Wages in the tailoring trade have not come down at all; hence the price of the tailor-made suit.

NORTHERN HIGH SHERIFFS.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1925.

The Governor of Northern Ireland has appointed the following High Sheriffs for the counties in Northern Ireland for the coming year:—

Antrim—Mr. James L. McFerran, Oakfield, Carrickfergus.

Armagh—Mr. Thomas Henry White, J.P., Orange Hill, Tandragee.

Down—Major Daniel Dixon, Benvue, Windsor Park, Belfast.

Fermanagh—Mr. Hugh Montgomery Irwin, J.P., Derrygore, Enniskillen.

Londonderry—Mr. D. E. B. McCorkell, M.B.E., J.P., Ballyarnett, Londonderry.

Tyrone—Dr. Edward C. Thompson, D.L., Camowen Hill, Omagh.

TURNER DRAWINGS.

AN EXHIBITION IN DUBLIN.

Only in January of each year is the fine collection of water-colour drawings by Turner on view at the National Gallery of Ireland. Thirty-one of the 24 drawings possessed by the Gallery were bequeathed to it by Mr. Henry Vaughan, of Regent's Park, London, who died in 1900. Under the terms of the bequest the drawings are to be exhibited publicly only during the month of January in each year. For the other eleven months they are to be kept in a cabinet provided for the purpose. In accordance with the provision, the drawings are being exhibited at the National Gallery at present.

In limiting the exposure of the drawings Mr. Vaughan had probably in his mind the fate of many of Turner's oil paintings, which are in a state of decay. The drawings, at all events, are preserved in good condition, and represent worthily an important phase of the artist's work.

"It is in his later water-colour drawings," according to a respected critic, "that perhaps his gifts as a poet and colourist are to be found in the fullest perfection." The only instance in which a drawing appears to have suffered is the water-colour sketch of "The Mewstone, off Plymouth Harbour," in which the blues seem to have become dark. This particular water-colour was exhibited at Manchester in 1887, and at the Burlington Fine Arts Club in 1871, in representative exhibitions. One of the drawings is in pencil; others, studies done on Loch Lucerne are in pencil and wash, and five drawings are in Indian ink, occasionally touched with a little blue colour. Two other sketches are in body colour on blue paper. The remainder are pure water-colours, except for one in which the detail is penned.

Three of the Indian ink sketches are Dover scenes, including a view of Shakespeare's Cliff. Of some of the water-colour drawings contrasting views are seen, "Chamouni" and "Clovelly Bay" were engraved for a series called "The South Coast." "The Ruined City of Axos" was engraved for Finden's Bible, among other subjects are views of Hastings, including a shipwreck scene in the Alps, and Venetian scenes. The majority of the drawings in this collection belong to Turner's later period, but the "View Near Netley Abbey" in Indian Ink is placed at about 1792, when Turner was only seventeen years of age.

WATERS AND OILS.

The Gallery possesses, in addition to the Vaughan bequest, a water-colour of St. Alban's Abbey, and a landscape study of Harlech Castle in grey wash, these being part of the Smith Gift, and also a water-colour landscape sketch bequeathed by Miss Calwell.

Of Turner's oil paintings the Gallery has five pictures transferred from the National Gallery, London, in 1864, four of them having been presented by the painter, and the fifth by Mr. R. Vernon. But in connection with the drawings now on view, it is more natural to turn to the Gallery's fine set of the *Liber Studiorum*, which was presented in 1903, by the late Rev. A. Stopford Brooke, whose "Notes on the *Liber Studiorum*" are a valuable aid to the student of Turner's art. The *Liber* is a series of landscapes in mezzotint begun by Turner in rivalry with the Chatsworth collection of drawings by Claude entitled *Liber Veritatis*. Of the projected 100 subjects, 71 were published during Turner's life, and the Gallery has a complete set, most of them being admirable impressions.

The 23rd April this year will be the 150th anniversary of Turner's birthday. He died 72 years ago.

MODERN METHODS OF STOCK FEEDING.

THE VALUE OF SOUND FEEDING STUFFS.

BY AGRICULTURIST.

Morgen and his co-workers, as well as Fingerling, have shown that many constituents of aromatic substances (ethereal oils), in feeding stuffs actually influences milk secretion. In an experiment conducted with two lots of sheep and goats, the one receiving good quality aromatic meadow hay, the other straw, starch, protein, by-products, sugar, prepared lime, and hay ash, while the rations for each lot contained the same digestible nutrients and had practically the same starch values, the meadow hay ration produced the largest yields of milk. After adding condimental feeding stuffs, fennel, anise, hay distillate or hay extract and malt sprouts to the second ration, and substituting a corresponding amount of digestible nutrients, the milk yield and fat production almost equalled that from the meadow hay ration.

The same favourable effects of the ethereal oils were observed on addition of small quantities of fennel to rain-soaked or weathered hay. The effects, however, were not noticeable when good meadow hay was used as the basal feed. The addition of fennel in the latter instance resulted in an increase of hardly 2 per cent. in the total milk yield, 0.6 per cent. of the dry matter, 3 per cent. of the fat, 2 per cent. of the sugar, and 1½ per cent. of the ash.

The conclusion evident from this experiment, as well as that of many similar trials, is that sound, normal feeding stuffs when fed to healthy animals are not materially improved by the addition of condiments. However, in the feeding of leached, insipid, or slightly spoiled feeding stuffs their moderate use is indicated.

The natural grain condiments always present in "Clarendon" make animals love it. It is, therefore, valuable to mix with home food of less appetising quality. This year there is much need for "Clarendon" to improve the home grain, much of which has been badly saved.—(Adv't.)

FUNERAL OF DR. ALFRED NORMAN.

The remains of Dr. Alfred Norman were removed from his late residence, 16 Ely place, Dublin, yesterday morning for burial in Mount Jerome Cemetery. The Burial Service was conducted by the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral and the Rev. J. O. Gage Dougherty, Rector of St. Mary's Parish, Dublin.

The chief mourners were—Messrs. Thomas A. Long, Robert J. Long, and Edward J. Long, brothers-in-law, and F. Smyth and H. Parker, cousins.

Dr. Norman was Pro-Grand Master of the Knights Templars' Order, and the following Grand Officers of the Great Priory of Ireland attended his funeral:—Dean Kenney, Great Prelate; Sir Thomas Deane, Great Prelate; J. Gilbert Smyly, P.C.D.; W. G. Armstrong, Professor W. J. Thrift, K.C.D.; Oliver Fry, Alexander Hyman, John Hamilton, John White, Robert C. Taylor, T. J. Hayes, Gerard Black, Robert Wheatland, D.L.; Major Wm. Wherrell, Dr. G. O'Keefe Wilson, and Henry C. Shelland.

The general public who attended included—Sir Thomas Robinson, Sandon Greene, C. A. Walker, S. R. Macnamara, D. M'Caughey, James Bordell, Dr. R. Rowlette, Dr. Henry Kelly, Joseph G. Purser, P. D. Beaton, A. W. Mooney, C. Robertson, R. Harpeston, Basil Thompson, Beatrice G. Wheeler, Miss Lucy Deane, Miss Smyth, Miss Harriet, Harold Mitchell, G. T. Bowman, David Bowman, C. C. Aylmer, D. J. C. Hamilton, R. Harris, Mrs. Hanna, Dr. C. H. Hanna, T. F. Barrow, James M'Clintock, Rear Cecil Crofton, F. Powell, Cecil F. Smyly, J. Frost, A. Murtagh, John G. Moore, E. H. Bennett, Henry R. Mayne, Dr. Lane, A. E. Armstrong, George A. Moore, W. R. Harrison, N. M. Thrift, C. G. Thompson, M.A., Richard Wade, G. H. Overend, B.A., Percy B. Tabuteau, Senff J. Jefferys, T. W. Chancellor, H. J. Shea, J. J. Johnston, LL.D., James Mahaffy, Dr. Hanna, Dr. Kenny, Dr. Symes, Dr. Simpson Moore, H. V. Moore, J. M. Hamilton, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir F. Mulvany, Jim Green, White, Rev. Dr. Dan, W. H. Meredith, W. D. Latimer, Rev. Dr. Harden, W. Meek, Sir James C. Percy, FitzJames Percy, Lieut.-Col. Russell, Bridge, Dr. Cecil Mayne, Surgeon-Captain Frost, W. F. Wells, D. Warrick, Thomas Hendershott, George M'Cready, Hamilton Gray, Peter Lloyd, Kilgh Gandy, M. Gorel, LL.D., J. H. Lewis, corp. J. Healy, A. T. Bingham, W. M. Killen, Dr. Mills, Dr. Hamilton, Dr. Wilson, LL.D., Edward Byrne, James J. Keogh, Mellett D'Alton, Frank O'Callaghan, C. E. Lewis, Major G. F. Hamilton, A. E. C. Hemphill, Dr. Hemphill, Lloyd E. Blacker, T. M. Maryland, Robert Spence, and Gerald E. Fitzgerald.

A Lisbon message says that the Commercial Agreement between Portugal and Germany has been signed.

BROADCASTING.

TO-DAY.

The letters "S.H." in this programme signify a Simultaneous Broadcast from the station mentioned.

LONDON (2LO)—365 Metres.
4.0-5.0—Time from Greenwich. Ernest French and Suzette Rany (entertainers). Harry Vicary (baritone). "Modern French Writers"—(1) Anatole France," by Madame de Weimont; Max's early History—Monnica, Pierre, and Pubertine," by Dorothy Monroe. 5.30-6.15—Children. 6.45-6.55—Mr. Jaime Bueschkens: "Some Big Game Adventures." 7.0—Time from Big Ben. Weather and News. S.B. to all Stations. Mr. Clifford W. Hollinsen: "Plants Exotics in the South West." S.B. to Cardiff. 7.30—George Pizzey (baritone), Joan Hastings (entertainer at the piano), Fred Armold (syncopated songs), Philip Middleton (entertainer), The Wireless Orchestra. 9.30—Time from Big Ben, Weather and News. S.B. to all Stations. Mrs. H. Carruthers: "The First Round of the Cup Tie." S.B. to all Stations. 10.0—The Savoy Orpheans and Savoy Havana Bands, and Selma Fear. S.B. to all Stations except Newcastle. 12.0—Close.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—475 Metres.
3.0-4.30—Pantomime: "The Babes in the Wood," given by the children of the City of Birmingham Tramways Department (Motormen and Conductors), ages 5-15 years. 5.0-6.30—Women and Children. 7.0—Weather and News. Reception of Broadcast for the Motorist. 7.30—Winifred Morris (contralto), Arthur Ackerman and Jessie Wynne (duettists), Alice Couchman (solo pianoforte), Robert Pitt and Langton Marks (entertainers). 9.30—Weather and News. Mr. Curruthers. S.B. from London. 10.0—The Savoy Bands. S.B. from London. 12.0—Close.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—385 Metres.
3.45-6.0—Women. The Royal Bath Hotel Dance Orchestra. Enid Shaw (contralto). 5.30—For Children. 7.0—Weather and News. An Imaginary Interview with Mary Stuart and Lord Darnley. 7.30—Winifred Lucas (soprano), Robert Mell (baritone), Juliette Folville (pianoforte), Reginald S. Mounit (solo violin). The Wireless Augmented Orchestra. 9.30—Weather and News. Mr. F. M. Carruthers, R.H. from London. 10.0—The Savoy Bands. S.B. from London. 12.0—Close.

CARDIFF (5WA)—351 Metres.
3.0-4.0—Orchestra. 4.45-5.15—5WA's "Five O'Clocks." 5.15-6.45—Children. 6.45-7.0—"Wild Birds of Wales." 7.0—Weather and News. Mr. Clifford Wellington. S.B. from London. 7.30—Lillian Lewis (Mezzo-Soprano), Sidney Evans (Baritone). The Station Orchestra. 9.30—Weather and News. Mr. F. Carruthers, S.B. from London. 10.0—The Savoy Bands. 12.0—Close.

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—375 Metres.
3.30-4.30—Music. 4.30-5.0—Women. Patience Robinson (Soprano). 5.0-6.0—Children. 7.0—Weather and News. Mr. F. Stacey Llatcliffe: "Sport." 7.30—The Gazzer-Schofield Dance Band. Olley Oakley and Julia Larkins (Entertainers). 9.30—Weather and News. Mr. F. M. Carruthers, S.B. from London. 10.0—The Savoy Bands. 12.0—Close.

NEWCASTLE (5NO)—400 Metres.
3.45-4.45—The Station Septet. James Rowell (Tenor). Mrs. Kerrett—Readings from "Idylls of the King." 5.45-6.30—Children. 6.45-7.0—Farmers. 7.0—Weather and News. 7.30—Hilda Wood (Contralto), Charles Wreford (Entertainer), George Wade (Solo Banjo). Hebburn Colliery Prize Silver Band. 9.30—Weather and News. Mr. F. M. Carruthers. S.B. from London. 10.0—Tilley Dance Orchestra. 12.0—Close.

GLASGOW (5SC)—422 Metres.
3.30-4.30—The Wireless Quartet. Sally F. Thomas (Soprano). 5.15-6.0—Children. 6.0-6.5—Weather for Farmers. 7.0—Weather and News. Glasgow Radio Society Talk. 7.25—The Station Orchestra. Daniel Somerville (Tenor), Dorothy Dale (Contralto), Louis Hortel (Entertainer). 9.30—Weather and News. Mr. F. M. Carruthers. S.B. from London. 10.0—The Savoy Bands. 12.0—Close.

LIVERPOOL (6LV)—315 Metres.
3.30-4.30—Orchestra. 5.30-6.30—Children. 7.0—Midnight London Programme.

BELFAST (7BE)—435 Metres.
4.0-5.0—The "3BE" Trio. 5.30-6.15—Children. 7.0—Weather and News. S.B. from London. Sports Talk. Local News. 7.30—The Station Orchestra: Fox-trots: "Oh, Kay," "Savannah"—Waltzes: "What'll I Do?" "When You are in My Arms"—Fox-trots: "Hard-hearted Hannah," "When She's in Red"; Waltz: "Little Moll, Keep Away"; Fox-trots: "Ride Pretty Baby"—Selection of "American Medley"—"Scotch Medley"; Fox-trots: "Oro Pogo," "Maybe"—Livingstone (Entertainer). Fox-trots: "You're in Kentucky"—"What Do You Do Sunday, Mary?"—Waltzes: "Waltz of Long Ago," "Nightingale Waltz"—One-steps: "Eagles' Medley"—"Irish Medley." 9.30—Weather and News. S.B. from London. Mr. F. M. Carruthers. S.B. from London. Local News. 10.0—The Savoy Bands. S.B. from London. 12.0—Close.

SUNDAY.

The letters "S.H." signify a Simultaneous Broadcast from the station mentioned.

LONDON (2LO)—365 Metres.
3.0-5.0—Organ Recital. Relayed from the National Institute for the Blind, Great Portland street. S.B. to Newcastle. James Bell (organ), Lily Bryan (contralto), Ruby Helder (lady tenor), Murray Lambert (solo violin), Frederick Thurston (solo clarinet). 5.0-5.30—Children. S.B. from Newcastle. 5.30—Hymn, "Father, Let Me Dedicate" (A. and M. 74). Bible Reading, Anniversary Address, the Bishop Suffragan of Woolwich. Hymn, "As With Gladness Men of Old" (A. and M. 79). 6.0—De Groot and the Piccadilly Orchestra. Ashmoor Burch (baritone). 10.0—Time Signal from Big Ben. Weather and News. S.B. to all Stations. 10.15—The Orchestra. 10.30—Close.

CHELMSFORD (5XX)—1,600 Metres (High-Power Station).
3.0-5.0—London Programme. 5.0-5.30—Children. 6.0-10.30—London Programme.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—475 Metres.
3.0-5.0—The Station Light Orchestra. Gladys Whitehill (soprano), Ingram Benning (tenor). 5.0-5.30—Children. 8.30—Hymn, "The Voice of God's Creation Found Me" (A. and M. 530), The Rev. F. Percy George, Coventry road Baptist Church, Small Heath; Religious Address. Hymn, "Before Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (A. and M. 293). 9.0-10.30—Programme S.B. from London.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—385 Metres.
3.0—Nora Bradbury (soprano), John Turner (tenor). 3.30—Molly Arnold (contralto). 4.0—The Royal Bath Hotel Orchestra. 5.0-5.30—Children. 8.30—Choir of the Church of the Annunciation. 8.45—Father Percival Trigger: Religious Address. 9.55—Choir. 9.10-10.30—Programme S.B. from London.

CARDIFF (5WA)—351 Metres.
3.0-4.30—Vera McComb Thomas (solo pianoforte), Lena Mason (solo violin). The Station Orchestra. 5.0-5.30—Children. 8.30—Choir of St. John's Parish Church. Canon Jones Powell, Vicar of Cardiff, Address. Hymn. Benediction. 9.0-10.30—Programme S.B. from London. 10.30—"The Silent Fellowship." 10.50—Close.

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—378 Metres.
3.0-5.0—Ethel Walker (solo pianoforte), Helena Taylor (mezzo-soprano), the Chester Trio. 5.0-5.30—Children. 8.0—Mr. S. G. Hobey: Talk to Young People. 8.25—Hymn. Religious Address by the Rev. R. L. Parry, Hymn. 9.0-10.30—Programme S.B. from London.

NEWCASTLE (5NO)—400 Metres.
3.0-5.0—Organ Recital. S.B. from London. 5.0-5.30—Children. 6.30-7.45—Service relayed from Jesmond Parish Church. Preacher, Canon Oakley. 9.0-10.0—Programme S.B. from London.

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(In aid of the Citizens' Hall Fund), on Wednesday, 14th January, 1925, at 8 p.m. Doors open 7.30 p.m., in the Metropolitan Hall, Abbey street.
Artistes: Mr. Percy Whitehead (Baritone), Mr. Joseph Scholes ('Cello), Mr. F. H. Wesvine (Piano), Miss Nancy Love (Violin), Miss D. Goulding (Harp).
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Interviews with the Principal by appointment.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

MANSION HOUSE COAL FUND.
ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING
Will be held in the
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THURSDAY, 8th JANUARY, 4.30 p.m.
Subscriptions from friends who may be unable to attend will be thankfully received by the undersigned.
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Please apply for Prospectus to Rev. THE PRINCIPAL, Kildare place, Dublin. Entrance Programme, price 6d., can be obtained from Kildare place, or from Messrs. Eason.
Application Forms, which will be issued on and after November 1st, 1924, must be returned before January 24th, 1925.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD,
SAORSTAT EIREANN.
An Examination for Women seeking admission to the Irish Midwives' Roll will be held in Dublin and Cork on Tuesday and Wednesday, 10th and 11th February, 1925.
Examination Schedules must reach the Secretary, 33 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, not later than 24th January, 1925.

COUNTY DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL.
MIDWIVES ACT, 1918.
All Midwives now practising, or intending to practise, within the Administrative County of Dublin during the year 1925, are hereby required under Section 9 of the Midwives Act, 1918, to furnish to the undersigned, without delay, their names, addresses, and area of practice, in order that same may be inscribed on the Roll of Midwives for the County Dublin.
By Order,
(Signed) SEAMUS UA LAOIDHEIR,
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SERMONS.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.
PREACHER TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), at 11 a.m.,
The Right Hon and Most Rev.
THE PROVOST OF TRINITY COLLEGE.
Subject: "CHRISTIAN UNITY."
Evensong at 3.30 o'clock.

RATHMINES PARISH CHURCH.
SPECIAL SERVICES.
TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), 11.30 a.m. Dedication of Window in Memory of Mr. Andrew Bell.
Preacher—REV. K. C. HODGES, B.D.
7 p.m. CHORAL SERVICE.
Preacher—REV. J. F. MONCHIEFFE COX, B.D.
Subject: "The Story of St. Christopher."
(Represented in the Memorial Window).

MISSION BUILDINGS,
TOWNSEND STREET. OPENING OF SESSION.
TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), 11.30.
Rev. J. R. CROOKS.
7 p.m.—Rev. T. C. HAMMOND.
EVENING SUBJECT.
"BISHOP CORALLIN ATTACKS PROTESTANTS."
TUESDAY, 8 p.m.—DIVINE SERVICE
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4 p.m.—Young People's Service.
7 p.m.—Address Picture for Scouts and Guides.
MONDAY, JAN. 5th. FRIDAY, JAN. 9th.
Each Morning at 11 o'clock (Parents Invited).
Each Afternoon—Games.
Each Evening—Meetings as per Programme.

RATHGAR METHODIST CHURCH.
11.30 a.m.—Rev. JAMES M. ALLEY.
Communion Service.
7 p.m.—Rev. JAMES M. ALLEY.
Covenant and Communion Service.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE
UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 4,
GILFORD HALL, SANDYMOUNT, at 8 p.m.
Preacher—Rev. R. R. GENTLEMAN.
Meetings elsewhere each day as announced.
ALL ARE INVITED.

CITY OF DUBLIN Y.M.C.A.,
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TO-MORROW (SUNDAY) NIGHT (D.V.),
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Special Address by the GENERAL SECRETARY.
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FUNERAL OF MR. J. B. HOTHAM.
The funeral of Mr. J. B. Hotham, late Clerk of the Senate of Northern Ireland, took place yesterday, at his home, Milne Gradon, Coldstream, Berwickshire. Mr. Arthur Chichester, Assistant Clerk of the House of Commons, represented the Parliament of Northern Ireland. Among the wreaths sent was one from the Speaker and staff of the House of Commons of Northern Ireland, "in Grateful Memory."

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The Irish Times.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1925.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

The Boundary Commission will begin its sittings in Ireland on or about the 21st inst.—(Page 7.)

Mr. O'Higgins will attend a convention of the Cumann na nGaedheal in Cavan, and will make an important speech on the affairs of the organisation.—(Page 7.)

As a result of the new licensing legislation in the Free State, chemists who sell wines are obliged to close their shops on Sundays.—(Page 7.)

At yesterday's meeting of the Irish Commercial Travellers' Federation the economic policy of the Free State Government was discussed, and support was withdrawn from the Pinner Schools.—(Page 8.)

Reports of flooding caused by the heavy rains and of damage by the gale continue to be received from many parts of the country. At Lahinch a portion of the promenade on the sea front was torn away by the heavy seas which washed over it.—(Page 7.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

The gale was responsible for many accidents yesterday. Floods in England continue to extend, while snow has fallen in Scotland. A number of shipping casualties are reported.—(Page 7.)

ABROAD.

France is considering the question of her war debts to the United States and Great Britain.—(Page 7.)

SPORTING.

The Australians continued their innings in the second Test match at Melbourne yesterday, and at the close of the day's play had established a record, the innings realising 600 runs.—(Page 10.)

At Manchester yesterday Low Tide won the Victory Hurdle Race.—(Page 10.)

FINANCIAL.

In London the Stock Markets had an easier tendency. Oil, Land and Base Metal Shares were strong.—(Page 11.)

The Treasury bill rate was lower at 3 11-16 per cent. Money was in ample supply at 2½ per cent. Foreign Exchanges quiet.—(Page 11.)

In Dublin Bank of Ireland Stock was strong. Radio Common rose to 13¾.—(Page 11.)

A Moral Asset.

The bill which President Kruger presented to the British Government after the Jameson Raid was inflated with a large sum for "moral damages." Few Governments in history—since all have been composed of fallible men—have escaped some liability for moral damages; and few Governments that were not wholly ba have failed to put certain moral assets to the credit side of their accounts. Just now a formidable body of criticism is being launched against the Government of the Irish Free State. It deals with the material aspects of national administration—taxes, expenditure, the conduct of the public service—and much of it is perfectly legitimate. This newspaper has been a frank, though friendly, critic of the Free State Government's sins of omission and commission. Like all other Governments, however, it suffers from the public's very different reactions to the positive and to the negative. The average citizen is moved more easily to anger at existing hardships than to gratitude for relief from hardships—just as he swears at an aching tooth, but is apt to forget his obligations to the dentist who removes it. By all means, let us criticise the Government when it deserves criticism, but let us temper that criticism with due recognition of its virtues. The chief blessing which we owe to President Cosgrave's Executive is the restoration of law and order throughout the *Saorstat*. Absolutely, the country's condition in this respect leaves much to be desired; but, relatively, the improvement during the last two years has been enormous. Now this material benefit is beginning to carry in its train a moral benefit of the most far-reaching significance. The people are recovering from the state of terror and apathy to which the tyranny of the gunman had reduced them. Their self-respect is coming back to them, and where formerly the Government was forced to act single-handed in the suppression of disorder it can look to-day for the support of a growing body of stout-hearted citizens. A few days ago Mr. Matthew Ryan, of Tipperary, refused to be intimidated by armed robbers. He was murdered, but his brave example and the horror which a foul crime has provoked will give a valuable reinforcement to the arm of the law throughout Southern Ireland. On Tuesday night Mr. William Forde, a Galway publican, grappled with four armed raiders, knocked one of them senseless and put the others to flight. Courage is infectious, just as cowardice is infectious; and every such display of it, by increasing the risks, diminishes the practice of crime and outrage. The Government is imparting its own firm spirit to the country, and we are conscious at last that public opinion is taking shape as a definite influence in national affairs. The undisturbed evolution of that process is essential to the very life of the people; and here is the weightiest of all arguments for continued and steadfast support of Mr. Cosgrave's Government. No other Government is possible to-day which would not—by weakness, rashness or lack of experience—give a new stimulus to all the forces of unrest. If Ministers will strengthen this most cogent claim with a sound programme of financial economy and agricultural development, they will have no reason to fear the verdict of the polls.

Fascism at Bay.

The news from Italy continues to be alarming. Last week the Roman newspaper, *Il Mondo*, published in facsimile a document, signed by Cesare Rossi, formerly chief of the Government Press Bureau, which accused Signor Mussolini of direct responsibility for many of the worst acts of violence of the Fascist militia; and this disclosure resulted in an almost unanimous demand for the resignation of the Premier. At first Signor Mussolini took no notice of the Press campaign against his Government, and more particularly against himself, but on Wednesday morning he called a Cabinet meeting at which momentous decisions were taken. According to the carefully censored reports which have reached this country from Rome, Ministers were unanimous in their resolve to put an end to an agitation which was doing Italy's credit much harm in the eyes of the world; and on Thursday morning virtually the whole Italian Press, with the exception of a few purely Fascist newspapers, was suspended from publication. The Opposition organs were suppressed ruthlessly, and even such liberally minded sheets as Signor Giolitti's *Stampa* in Turin and Signor Albertini's *Corriere della Sera* in Milan were forbidden by Fascist Prefects to go to press. In Florence the Fascisti took the law into their own hands. Despite the efforts of police and military patrols, they succeeded in storming the offices of the *Nuovo Giornale*, an Opposition newspaper. They wrecked all the machinery on the premises, and, having driven the staff to take refuge on the roof, set the building on fire.

In spite of all Signor Mussolini's efforts to retain his grip on the imagination of the Italian people, he has come at last to the end of his tether. We are not inclined to attach undue importance to the revelations of Signor Rossi, although, undoubtedly, they have helped to precipitate the crisis which is coming rapidly to a head. Fascism, at any rate, had served its turn and had ceased to be of value to the nation. It certainly saved Italy from the tyranny of Communism, and, if Signor Mussolini had been satisfied with the victory which he gained in 1922, he might have earned an honourable place in the national Pantheon. Fervent ideals were aflame throughout Italy, and a grateful people turned to Benito Mussolini as the saviour of a great civilisation. The man was unequal to his destiny. He could have built up a democratic State that would have been the admiration of Europe; but he allowed himself to be misled into paths of violence and terrorism by his own supporters. Fascism has proved to be a tyranny not a whit less objectionable than that which it displaced. Italy's black-shirted youth has abandoned itself to unbridled licence, and the freedom which was won through the patient toil of men like Massini and Cavour and by the blood sacrifice of thousands of Italian soldiers has been mocked by this pseudo-patriotic camarilla. The muzzling of the Press is its crowning folly. Henceforward the Fascisti Party must stand condemned as a tyranny which lacks even the saving grace of intelligence.

Some of the newspapers which have been suppressed do not propose to resume publication until Signor Mussolini has left office, and there seems to be a general belief in Italy that his days as Prime Minister are numbered. The position in this respect is extremely delicate. The Fascisti militia consists nominally of about fifty thousand young men who, to all intents and purposes, are above the law, and are drawing substantial pay from the State. They exist for the sole purpose of maintaining Signor Mussolini's Government in power, and his fall would involve their immediate disbandment. These young men, who boast of their "national record," have no intention of returning to the humdrum life of a civilian career. "*A che l'Italia? A noi!*" is their slogan, and they mean, if possible, to keep Italy to themselves. From their point of view, therefore, it is essential that the Mussolini Government shall remain in office. The opposition groups believe that the Fascist leader, Signor Farinacci, is organising a sort of Saint Bartholomew's Day massacre, and the utmost anxiety prevails throughout Italy. The whole business is lamentable. It proves once more that democracy cannot be defied with impunity in the world of to-day, and that government by force of arms is foredoomed to disaster. Italy's trials have been cruel in the past, but it seems that her day of deliverance has yet to dawn. She never can hope to achieve the fulness of national freedom while Fascism is in control of her affairs, and nobody can help her in the struggle to escape from its clutches.

Air Mail Services.

The British Postmaster-General reports a decline in the number of letters that have been sent by air mail during the past year. The weight of letters which passed between London and Cologne fell from 9,700 lb. in 1923 to 5,700 lb. in 1924. This reduction was due, in a large measure, to the restoration of more stable conditions in the normal mail service. Although the afternoon air mail service to Holland offered considerable opportunities for the saving of time, it was not well supported, and only 84 lb. of letters were carried in three months. Further evidence of lack of support is shown by the substantial decline in the bulk of the air mails to Belgium and Iraq. On May 26th facilities were offered for an acceleration in the transport of letters to Denmark and to Hamburg, Sweden and East Norway; but the number of letters posted by air was small, and when the service was closed in October, for the winter months, only some 270 lb. had been carried. The increase of about 700 lb. in the weight of letters carried by the London to Paris air mail may be set against these reductions. An air mail was in operation between Belfast and Liverpool during May and June, and more than 1,000 lb. of letters were posted in this period. The air parcel mail, on the other hand, was far more popular. The weight of parcels carried to Paris increased by fourteen *per cent.*, to about 27,200 lb., and the parcels mail to Holland increased to 14,250 lb.—a rise of twenty *per cent.* A like increase was shown in the volume of parcels sent to Germany by air; and the Cologne to Croydon parcels mail, conducted by the British Air Service, was supported both by civilians. The service to Denmark, Norway and Sweden, however, received little support, and only a weight of 350 lb. of parcels was carried to these countries during the year.

Storm and Flood.

So far as weather is concerned, the new year has begun badly. The great gale, which has worked so much havoc already, shows little sign of abatement, and the forecast does not hold much hope for the immediate future. Many houses in Dublin have been flooded, and from all parts of the country reports are being received of swollen rivers and submerged fields. It is, perhaps, a slight consolation that in other parts of the world conditions are no better. In New York the gale has been accompanied by the first heavy snow-storm of the present winter, and four hundred snow-ploughs were employed yesterday by the street-cleaning department. The snow lay three inches deep yesterday and an increase to six inches is predicted. Exposure to the fury of the sixty mile an hour gale in New York is described as "almost unbearable." At the summit of the Eiffel Tower in Paris the gale reached a speed of sixty-seven miles an hour. Perhaps, the most serious consequence of the furious weather in this country is the destruction due to rivers in flood. It is interesting to note how the same menace is countered in England. The volume of water in the Thames to-day is approximately equal to that which accumulated during the great flood in 1903, but at many important points the level has risen only a few inches above the normal. In some places the level is ten inches below that of twenty-one years ago. This satisfactory result is due to the system of weirs for which the Thames conservators are responsible.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

TO ATTEND THE MATCH TO-DAY.

The Prince of Wales, who went to Melton Mowbray on the conclusion of his Yuletide visit to their Majesties at Sandringham, travelled back to town last evening. He will be present at the All Blacks football match at Twickenham to-day.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference.—Further disturbances will probably cross the British Isles and maintain very unsettled weather generally, with more gales, particularly in the South.

N.W. Ireland.—Wind variable in direction, strong at times; intermittent rain or snow; visibility mainly good; rather low temperature.

N.E., S.E. and S.W. Ireland.—Wind mostly south-westerly, gale at times; occasional rain or sleet, risk of snow later; visibility mainly moderate or good; temperature moderate to rather low.

S.W. Seaboard, Mouth of Channel to South-West Ireland; Irish Sea and St. George's Channel.—South-west gales; occasional rain; visibility moderate to good; very rough seas.

N.W. Seaboard, Northern Ireland to Hebrides.—Wind variable in direction, strong at times; occasional rain or sleet; visibility moderate or good; sea rather rough.

Dixon and Hempenstall, Barometers and Forecasters, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt)

BAROMETER.

Dublin—Friday (8 p.m.)		29.10
SUN.		
To-day... Rises ..	8.40 Sets	4.19
To-morrow ... ,, ..	8.40 ,,	4.20
Lighting-up Time		5.19

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—"Cinderella," 2 and 7.30 p.m.
Theatre Royal—"Puppets," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre—"Puss-in-Boots," 2.30, 6.50, and 9 p.m.
Olympia Theatre—"Babes in the Wood," 2.30, 7, and 9 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre—Dixie Minstrels, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Abbey Theatre—"The Glorious Uncertainty," 2.30 and 8 p.m.
La Scala Theatre—"Nellie," 4, 6.30, and 9 p.m.
Stella Theatre—"Those Who Dance," 2.30, 4.45, 7, and 9.15 p.m.
Bohemian Picture Theatre—"Don't Get Excited," 4.30 to 10.30 p.m.
Princess Cinema, Rathmines—"Pioneer Trails."
The Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire—"The Great White Way," 3 to 10.15 p.m.

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR DUBLIN CRIPPLES.

Two hundred children drawn from the city slums, a great many of whom are crippled and the remainder more or less maimed or deficient in body or mind, were the happy guests of the Dublin Rotarians yesterday afternoon at the annual Christmas treat held in the Mansion House, Dublin.

The little ones are receiving treatment in the children's homes, and were selected by the Child Welfare Centres of the city. The very small children and those unable to assist themselves were accompanied by their parents and guardians, and after an excellent tea they were entertained to a Punch and Judy show by the Mitchell boys, selections by a jazz band, and an exhibition of conjuring and ventriloquism.

Each child was presented with a gift from the well-laden Christmas tree by "Father Christmas" (Mr. W. B. Cunningham), who was assisted by Messrs. C. V. Montgomery, J. S. McMahon, William Brown, F. W. Maguire, Fred. Thompson, Harry Sant, M. J. Gorman, W. J. Purdy, and E. C. O'Brien. The tables were looked after by Mrs. William McConnell, Mrs. Charles McConnell, Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. M. J. O'Gorman and other ladies.

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M. Branting, the Prime Minister of Sweden, who is suffering from phlebitis, is much better.

LONDON LETTER.

A STORMY NIGHT.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
FRIDAY NIGHT.

All London arose unrefreshed this morning; for the night was one of the most trying experienced since the days of the air raids, and it was impossible to sleep. The wind, at sixty miles an hour, hurled itself with tremendous force at every exposed window and door and shook them violently. The rain fell in sheets and was thrown against the windows like hailstones. Every now and again there was a lull for a few minutes and then the hurly-burly began again with undiminished vigour. It seemed that the night would never end; for the early morning was unusually dark and gloomy. It was bad enough in London, but up the river the situation has become most serious. The floods are like stormy seas, and the damage must be immense. People are deserting their bungalows wherever it is possible, but in many cases the inhabitants are unable to find other quarters.

The present week of gales and storms is the most persistently stormy period experienced over Britain as a whole since November, 1903, when severe gales swept the country for five consecutive days. It is feared that the worst has not yet happened, since intense cyclones are already approaching the Western coasts, and all previous "records" for continuous gales are likely to be broken.

The Gale's Havoc.

The damage and delay in all directions are great. Flying has been stopped at Croydon, the Channel boat services are partly held up, while the Isle of Wight is cut off from the mainland. Racing and coursing are stopped and the telephone and telegraphs are broken down everywhere, the damage being the greatest ever recorded. Telephone service between London and thirteen big towns is completely interrupted, while eleven of the fourteen lines to Paris are out of action. There is no direct service to Brussels. Thousands of chimney pots have crashed, and in the outer London districts traffic is impeded in many places by great trees blown down across the roads. Many windows have been blown in or out, and on my way home last night I was in the centre of a shower of glass from a fifth floor window in Ludgate Circus, but escaped unhurt.

Mr. Churchill's Task.

Mr. Churchill is extremely busy just now, and to-day

BIG STORM CONTINUES.

SHIPS RUN FOR SAFETY.

FLOOD HAVOC.

PITS CLOSED IN WALES.

MANY ACCIDENTS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

THE heavy gale which sprang up late on Thursday night continued to rage yesterday with great fury, the wind in some districts of both Ireland and Great Britain reaching a velocity of between 50 and 60 miles an hour. Intermittently there were heavy rainfalls, while snow was reported from Scotland. From all parts of Great Britain come reports of roofs blown off, chimneys dismantled, shop windows shattered, rivers in flood,

Unsettled weather will continue. More gales; rain, snow, or sleet probable. Very rough seas.

and large tracts of country submerged. There is no promise of any abatement of the tempestuous weather, and last night's forecast promises the continuation of stormy conditions over the week-end.

The Thames Valley district is suffering severely, the river showing a further serious rise during Thursday night of between two and seven inches.

Mountainous seas were running in the English Channel, and thirty large steamers were sheltering in Torbay yesterday morning.

The severe weather has caused a fish famine at some English ports, and at Brixham yesterday two crans of herrings fetched £10 14s. per cran—a record figure since the war.

"There are no signs of the gales' stopping," said a British Air Ministry official yesterday. "This has been one of the most serious gale periods ever recorded."

The record of the holidays is a dismal one:—

Dec. 23—Gale.	Dec. 28—Strong wind.
Dec. 24—Gale.	Dec. 30—Gale.
Dec. 25—Lull.	Dec. 31—Lull.
Dec. 26—Gale.	Jan. 1—Gale.
Dec. 27—Lull.	Jan. 2—Gale.

Yesterday's weather was the climax. Battering gusts of wind drove the rain mercilessly down sodden streets, and whipped the surface of the floods into fury. Many roads were flooded, and great damage is reported.

Direct telephonic communication with Brussels was interrupted, and eleven of the fourteen lines to Paris were down. Thirteen provincial towns were cut off from telephonic communication with London, and on the inland trunk lines 216 faults were reported.

The Thames floods rose during Thursday night from two to seven inches more. At Romney a rise of seven inches was recorded, making a total rise of 44 inches over the summer level.

PERILS OF THE SEA.

CHANNEL NAVIGATION IMPOSSIBLE.

Not for a generation has such a gale been experienced at Folkestone. The Boulogne and Flushing steamers started two hours late in the teeth of the gale, and were now and again obliterated from view by the heavy seas. Yesterday afternoon there was not a sign of shipping in the Channel, which was one mass of seething foam. The scene, with the rising tide, was one of great grandeur, and the sight was enjoyed by many people.

A hundred ships of all sizes and nationalities are anchored off Deal, unable to proceed either up or down. The cross-Channel Belgian mail steamer had to wait for two hours yesterday afternoon alongside the South Goodwin lightship, unable to make any headway whatever. It managed to reach Deal last night, and at 8 o'clock was anchored off the port with the passengers.

A thrilling incident occurred at Deal yesterday morning. Signals for a doctor were hoisted from the Spanish steamer Ramon. In terrific weather, four men launched the motor boat Golden Spray, with a doctor on board. Considerable anxiety was felt for their safety, on account of the heavy seas, and at times they could not be seen. The Spanish crew attached a large lifebuoy to a rope, and by this means hauled the boat alongside, but could not get the doctor on board owing to the heavy seas, and he had to abandon his mission, and return to the shore.

A large number of steamers anchored off the coast are flying flags indicating that they require pilots, but the gale is so fierce that it is impossible to send men out.

A message from Dover last night said that the gale in the Channel abated considerably in the evening, but heavy seas were still running in the Channel. Owing to the heavy weather on the Belgian coast the departure of the Ostend boat for Dover was delayed.

The seas in the Channel off the Solent yesterday were even heavier than on Saturday. A large number of steamers struggled in through the Needles Channel, and anchored in the shelter of the Solent.

At Freshwater Bay, Isle of Wight, huge breakers swept over the Esplanade, and flooded the main road fifty yards behind to a depth of several feet.

The owners of the British steamer Jameson, 3,585 tons, have received the following wireless message from the master:—"I have been engines stopped until weather moderates. Vessel unmanageable; experiencing terrible weather; no sign of clearing. Have No. 3 hold flooded. Present position, 30 miles north-west of Terschelling.

[The Jameson is bound from Bremen for Bristol.]

SHIPPING CASUALTIES.

Lloyd's Brightlingsea Agent telegraphed yesterday that the British steamer Rytoner, for Brightlingsea, anchored at 7 o'clock on the night of December 31st. Later a gale sprang up. It is believed that the mate has been killed and other sailors injured. The vessel was brought up to the mouth of the Colne on Thursday night, but the anchors dragged, and the ship was driven ashore. A doctor has gone on board.

[The Rytoner is a Newcastle steamer of 437 tons.]

Lloyd's report that the North Foreland Wireless Station states that it received the following from the British steamer Glensanda at 2.8 p.m. yesterday:—British steamer Glensanda, Oran for Hamburg, 30 miles south of Beachy Head, drifting rapidly. No assistance needed at present.

[The Glensanda is a London steamer of 1,626 tons.]

The Roumanian steamer Carpati, 4,500 tons, was in distress off Land's End yesterday afternoon, having lost its rudder. The Penzance and St. Ives Lifeboats and a salvage tug put out to its assistance.

A Valentia message says that the Exeter City is returning to Queenstown. On December 27th the vessel shipped a heavy sea; a derrick and the flying bridge are gone. The bridge deck has been torn up.

GALE AND FLOOD IN IRELAND.

LARGE TRACTS UNDER WATER.

PROMENADE TORN AWAY BY HEAVY SEAS.

Reports from almost all parts of Ireland speak of the severity of the gale and the floods caused by the heavy and almost continuous rains of the past week. The condition of the Channel is responsible for the delay in the arrival of vessels, and much inconvenience has been caused by the blowing down of telephone and telegraph wires both here and in Wales.

At Lahinch part of the promenade was destroyed by the waves, which washed over it.

THE TELEGRAPH WIRES.

WIDESPREAD DESTRUCTION.

Up to the present the Post Office authorities in Dublin have been unable to re-establish normal telegraphic communication with Holyhead, but, as this is a highly important service, every effort is being made to restore the lines, and an early resumption of the service may be expected. One set of cables is completely down near Llanfair, in Wales, but the wires at Nevin are operating.

On Thursday night there was no communication of any kind with Liverpool, but conditions have improved considerably in the meantime, communication being now fairly well established. The absence, however, of communication between Liverpool and Holyhead, which was occasioned by the storm, precludes the possibility of getting Holyhead via Liverpool, which is a sort of transmitting centre for Wales.

There was no direct communication with Glasgow, but messages could be put through via London, Liverpool and Manchester. All the offices on this side have been notified that messages to England or Scotland must necessarily be delayed owing to the service interruptions inland; but unless the weather becomes very much worse there should be a speedy improvement all round.

The lines to Belfast were rather bad, but at present there is little cause of complaint. The Dublin offices are cut off from London-derry, but they can get this office via Belfast. In the West of Ireland matters are rather serious, while in the South the situation is quite good.

FLOODED HOUSES IN DUBLIN.

FIRE BRIGADE PUMPS AT WORK.

The continuous heavy rains, and the high tides which have been general during the past few days, are causing apprehension to the dwellers in the low-lying areas in the North Strand district of Dublin. Although Cosdy's cottages, which were flooded on Saturday last, have escaped further damage, houses in Coburgh place, Whitworth row, and Jane place suffered on Thursday night from flooding, and the conditions became so bad that the Dublin Fire Brigade was called and pumped water from some of the dwellings where it had risen several inches.

The people who were forced to leave their homes in the Ossory road area on Saturday are naturally anxious to return, but the majority of them are still housed in the parochial schools.

The cottages at Rathfarnham bridge were also flooded owing to the swollen condition of the Dodder, and here, too, the inhabitants were put to much inconvenience.

Many trees in the Rathfarnham district suffered from the gale of Thursday night and the early hours of Friday. A big elm fell through the roof of the gate lodge of St. Columba's College and across a bed in which a son of Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, who reside in the lodge, was asleep. The boy was found underneath the tree, and it was some time before his father and mother were able to release him. Happily he was not injured. Many of the cottagers were so alarmed at what had happened that they sat up all night fearing damage to their own dwellings.

The storm had abated in Dublin yesterday, but the day was very cold, and rain fell again in the evening.

Rough weather again caused delay to the mail boat yesterday. The evening boat lost over half an hour on the passage from Holyhead to Kingstown, and did not arrive at the Carlisle Pier until 6 p.m.

LORRY BLOWN AWAY.

BLACKROCK YOUTH KILLED.

The driver of a lorry, John Murnagh, Irvins Cottages, Harold's Cross, was charged yesterday in the Dublin District Court with causing the death of a youth named M'Hugh, of Sweetman's avenue, Blackrock. The lorry was standing in the Main street, when it was caught by a violent gust of wind which caused it to move forward and then run back into the front of Messrs. Wilson's confectionery shop, where M'Hugh was standing. He was crushed by the lorry, and sustained serious injuries from which he died three hours later in Monkstown Hospital. An inquest will be held to-day.

LAHINCH PROMENADE

DAMAGED BY HEAVY SEAS.

Describing the destruction caused this week by the heavy seas to the Lahinch promenade, the County Surveyor for Clare states that the waves swept over the promenade and on to the slightly lower ground at the back. On their return they tore the front of the promenade away. Virtually all the older portion of the work was destroyed. Protective work at one end, which was recently constructed, had escaped.

The destruction of the promenade is very regrettable. For years attempts have been made by the old county council to strengthen this protective work, and expenditure running into thousands of pounds has been incurred. The attempts to withstand the inroads of the sea have been largely futile. A few of the county councillors who have always been strong advocates of protective works in Lahinch have become pessimistic as a result of the latest destruction. They state that it is apparently hopeless to combat the sea with their limited resources, and that the only remedy is to remove the part of the resort which is in danger to a site free from these periodical attacks.

Yesterday rain and high winds prevailed in Ennis. The efforts of an Emergency Committee to alleviate the distress amongst the poor are meeting with success.

GALE IN KILKENNY.

HEAVY FALL OF SNOW.

The very severe weather experienced in Kilkenny during the Christmas culminated on New Year's Eve in a heavy snowstorm which lasted well into the night. Large tracts of land in the rural districts have been inundated, and the River Nore reached a very high level. A storm swept over Kilkenny on New Year's Day, and continued until the evening. House property suffered, trees were felled in the rural districts, and the roofs of sheds and out-offices were carried away for considerable distances.

Owing to the severity of the weather steamrolling operations and other work of road maintenance which are being carried out in the city by the Kilkenny Corporation under

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AMERICA.

400 SNOW PLOUGHS IN NEW YORK.

60-MILE-AN-HOUR GALE.

NEW YORK, Friday.

New York, like London, was visited this morning by wild weather, accompanied by the first heavy snowstorm of the winter.

Driven by a slashing gale, the snow began to fall at dawn, and still continues steadily, driving the traffic from the streets, which are already covered more than three inches deep.

The street-cleaning department has hastily mobilised all available forces, and 6,000 men, with 400 snow-ploughs, are doing their utmost to keep clear the more important city streets.

It is expected that the snow will be six inches deep by to-night, and city workers living in the suburbs are likely to have a difficult task in returning home.

The temperature is still about 20 degrees, but a high wind is blowing, and snow flurries at sixty miles an hour from the Atlantic make walking almost unbearable.

Reports from the rest of the country are not yet available, but it is certain that much damage has been done in the outlying districts.—(Reuter.)

ENGLAND.

THE THAMES VALLEY.

GOLF COURSE CONVERTED INTO LAKE.

The River Thames rose further four inches at Romney Lock, Windsor, during the night and yesterday, and acres of green sward between Eton and Datchet, and Windsor and Maidenhead, are several feet under water at points, but Windsor does not fear an inundation.

Windsor Home Park is inundated, some football pitches only being recognisable by the heads of the goal posts, which poke out above the flood. Datchet golf course is under water, the pointed tops of the bunkers peeping above the surface like conning towers of submarines. At Wraysbury the situation is more serious, sheets of water stretching away at some points for considerable distances.

Sixty-eight sheep were drowned at a farm near Darlington as a result of the River Tees overflowing and flooding the low-lying fields. The farm was completely surrounded by water, and only two sheep out of the flock of seventy escaped.

Mountains of sand were blown on the permanent way of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway between St. Anne's and Blackpool, and traffic had to be diverted to another route.

MILL CHIMNEY COLLAPSES.

At Shipley, near Huddersfield, a mill chimney, 124 feet in height, crashed into the road, and just in front of a motor car.

While returning home during the storm at Chesterfield, Thomas James Mander (56) walked off the footpath into a river and was drowned.

At Portsmouth a tramcar was blown off the rails and did considerable damage to a house, but its passengers escaped injury.

The River Severn rose four inches during the night and the threat of a still further rise is causing much concern.

A motor lorry after being forced into collision with another car by the wind was blown into Folkestone inner harbour, and the driver was killed.

John Walter Hewson, a roadman, while warning the driver of a motor lorry near Hull that a tree which had been blown down blocked the road, was killed by another lorry.

A Hull woman was injured by a falling hoarding and was detained in the infirmary.

At five o'clock yesterday the Avon at Bath was over ten feet above normal and still rising at the rate of three inches an hour. It is the highest flood for many years. Families affected by the flooding of the low-lying parts of the city are living up stairs, the lower rooms being flooded. Tramcars on the Lower Bristol road found the road impassable. The Bath Rugby ground is completely under water, while a boat could float on the Bath Cricket Club's ground.

In Worcester and Upton the people are filled with concern. At Stourport the river has risen twenty inches in twenty-four hours.

The permanent way of the Isle of Wight Railways was flooded in some parts of the island, with the result that services were interfered with.

SCOTLAND.

ROADS BLOCKED BY SNOW.

FOOTBALL MATCHES OFF: BARRICADE COLLAPSES.

Glasgow yesterday experienced a repetition of the storm which marked the entry of the New Year. During the forenoon there was a blizzard of snow, and later sleet, which upset vehicular traffic. Afterwards rain and fierce squalls added to the discomfort of the holiday-makers who poured into the city. The wintry weather upset the sports programme. A large number of football matches in the West of Scotland had to be cancelled.

A snowfall was more serious in the Highlands and country districts, where considerable damage has been caused by the gale, the velocity of which was officially recorded at over seventy miles an hour.

A former Corporation official in Glasgow, John Murnagh, aged 85, was knocked down and killed by a motor 'bus while he was crossing the street with his head down to avoid the storm.

Five persons were injured in Glasgow through the collapse of a barricade.

A severe snowstorm occurred at Aberdeen, and, although the railway lines are being kept clear, the roads are blocked.

WALES.

COLLIERIES CLOSE.

STORM PREVENTS MOVEMENT OF WAGONS.

Extensive damage has been done in the western valley of Monmouthshire. Rhos Vale and the adjacent districts encountered the full fury of the gale. Many Ebbw Vale houses were stripped of slates. At Cwm the river flooded many houses, and Tuffryn school was inundated on Thursday night.

The huge works of the Ebbw Vale Company suffered considerably. One of the large mountain coolers which controls the water in the large furnaces was blown down, and the supply of water cut off from the furnaces, which had to close for five hours until another source could be tapped. Most of the collieries in the district have been compelled to close owing to the storm preventing wagon clearance. At mid-day the Ebbw Vale Company intimated that the British Marine Collieries, Ebbw Ile, would close for the afternoon. In addition, the Talywain and Celynen Collieries, under the same company, closed for the half-day. Thousands of men are affected.

Storm has wrought further havoc in the Rhymney Valley. The bridge at Gelligaer has been destroyed, and half the roofs of Ystradmynach have been blown away. The Severn rose four inches during Thursday night, and was still rising yesterday.

BOYS DROWNED IN FLOOD.

Two young boys named Evan and Hugh Jones, brothers, aged eleven and twelve years, fell into the river at Ammanford and were carried by the flood half a mile before their bodies were recovered.

At Abergavenny, South Wales, a tree fell on a motor car, which was smashed. The occupants were unhurt.

AUSTRALIA AND GOLD CURRENCY.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

An early restoration of gold currency in Australia is regarded as extremely unlikely in well-informed circles.—(Reuter.)

FRENCH WAR DEBTS.

NOTE TO U.S. AND BRITAIN.

A MORATORIUM.

PAYMENT IN NINETY YEARS.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Friday.

It is announced to-night that the Inter-Allied Conference will begin on Wednesday. In view of the continued doubt as to the ground actually to be covered by the programme, and of the place to be given to the predominant question of Inter-Allied debts, any preliminary contracts between the Allied representatives will be more than usually useful.

It appears to be accepted in Paris that the British Chancellor of the Exchequer will not bring with him any definite proposals, and, to judge from papers in touch with the Government, these appear likely to come from the French side.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENTS.

WASHINGTON, Friday.

The Cabinet has received and considered informally intimations that have reached officials here, giving a skeleton summary of a French Note on war debts.

The details, which are understood to have been communicated to the State Department by the United States Ambassador in Paris, after the recent meeting of the conference of Ambassadors, are being guarded with the greatest care. The Government does not desire at present to comment on the formal submission of a proposal by France for the settlement of war debts, but manifest gratification is shown that the discussions have produced at least a proposal from Paris.

The French Note had not reached Washington in time for consideration at to-day's Cabinet meeting, and the French Embassy stated that nothing had been received there.

Another element of uncertainty in the "debt tangle" appears to have been eliminated by the British Embassy statement, issued to-day, denying that Mr. Montagu Norman, the Governor of the Bank of England, and Sir Garrett Anderson, had come to the United States in connection with international debts.

CONVERSATIONS IN PARIS.

PARIS, Friday.

The Washington newspapers have published a report that M. Herriot has proposed to the American Ambassador in Paris, Mr. Myron T. Herrick, a plan for the payment of the French debt to America over a period of sixty-eight years, with a moratorium of ten years. This account is stated in French semi-official circles to be inaccurate.

It is declared that Mr. Herrick had conversations at the beginning of this week with M. Herriot and M. Clementel on the subject of the French debt.

On Tuesday M. Clementel handed to the American Ambassador a memorandum for transmission to Washington containing various unofficial suggestions as to ways and means of a settlement, but neither M. Herriot nor M. Clementel made any formal offer binding the French Government.

It is further declared that M. Clementel is preparing an official Note on the subject of the debts to America and Great Britain, but it is not certain when this Note will be completed.

On this topic the *Journal des Débats* writes that, though it is impossible to say exactly what proposals the French Government will put forward, it seems probable that they will include provisions for a ten years' moratorium, with payments spread over a period of ninety years.

DISARMAMENT.

UNITED STATES SENATOR AND A CONFERENCE.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Friday.

Senator Borah, the leader of the group of irreconcilable Republicans in the United States Senate, announces his intention of putting forward a resolution for the holding of an International Economic and Disarmament Conference. He declares that he has hesitated to do so before, because the Administration felt it better to await the outcome of the League of Nations' effort towards the same end, and that he believes that his resolution will serve to record the attitude of the United States Congress on the matter, and may have a salutary effect in counteracting Jingoistic talk of war, both in America and in Japan.

In this connection, it is known that President Coolidge had planned to move for the holding of another conference if the Geneva effort failed. There is also pending before the House of Representatives a proposal put forward by Mr. Britten for a conference of white peoples bordering upon the Pacific, to discuss Far East problems.

FRANCE.

PARIS WALL COLLAPSE.

ONE KILLED AND THREE PERSONS INJURED.

PARIS, Friday.

The tempest which is sweeping Great Britain is also affecting France, and the speed of the wind at the summit of the Eiffel Tower is 67 miles an hour.

The storm has not done much damage to the telegraph and telephone wires inland, but the rupture of the high-tension cable between Calais and Amiens has deprived Dunkirk of light.

The storm is responsible for a fatal accident in Paris, one person being killed and three injured by the collapse of a wall.—(Reuter.)

LINER IN FLAMES.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Friday.

The Clyde liner Mohawk, 4,635 tons, carrying 200 passengers, was to-day reported to be on fire off the Brandywine Light, in Delaware Bay. The vessel was on the way to New York, and when the danger first broke out in the after-hold to the number of the blazing snowstorm was raging. The fire quickly spread to the after-saloon, and the lifeboats were made ready to launch and lifebelts were handed to the passengers.

Meanwhile, the crew worked hard to prevent the flames from spreading. The vessel reached the shelter of Delaware Bay, where the passengers were taken off by a Coastguard boat and tugs. The Mohawk was then beached and the flames were extinguished.

FIGHT ON A TRAWLER.

"I ordered the vessel back at port in case there would be murder on board," said Skipper Cormack, of the trawler Dorothy Gray, at Aberdeen yesterday, describing a wild scene on board during the gale.

Matthew Young, cook, was fined £5 for stabbing George Craig, engineer, on the head with a table fork.

It was explained that a fight took place in the cabin, and that the accused had drunk, but was quite sensible.

GOLD STANDARD AGAIN.

BRITISH MISSION TO AMERICA.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Friday.

It is stated here this evening, on what is apparently good authority, that the object of the visit to America of Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, and Sir Alan Anderson, is to discuss with the Federal Bank officials Great Britain's return to the gold standard.

The British bankers are reported to be seeking an agreement with American bankers which would prevent any serious financial dislocation when a return of the gold standard is made.

LIQUOR BILL AND CHEMISTS.

SUNDAY CLOSING TO BE ENFORCED.

Chemists in the Dublin Metropolitan area who hold licences for the sale of wines have been notified by the police that their premises come under the closing hours section of the new Intoxicating Liquor Bill.

The effect of this notice is that fully ninety *per cent.* of the chemists' shops in the city can open only during the public-house business hours—namely, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on five week days; 9 to 9.30 on Saturdays, 2 to 5 on Sundays, and not at all on the three "dry" days.

There is a proviso that, where there is structural separation between the wine department and the ordinary chemist side of the business, the latter can be carried on at any hour that suits the proprietor.

This order by the police will mean that practically all the chemists' shops in the city must remain closed on Sunday except between the hours 2 to 5. The practice with many chemists hitherto was to keep open for a good part of the Sunday, and to sell wines only between the hours named. The police in the past never objected to this.

On inquiry yesterday an *Irish Times* representative found that the trade is greatly perturbed at the unexpected development, and that an early opportunity will be taken. Chemists' wine licences do not require renewal annually in the same way as those attached to other premises where intoxicating liquor is sold. Under the Act in force in Northern Ireland chemists' wine licences have been abolished with compensation to the holders.

CATTLE FREIGHTS.

GRIEVANCE OF IRISH TRADERS.

The annual report of the Irish Cattle Trade Association, Cork, gives the following figures as showing the enormous increases in shipping freights for cattle from Cork to Birkenhead in recent years:—

	Fat.	Lean.	Yrlg.
1917	10/-	7/6	
1922	24/-	20/-	17/6
1923	22/-	19/-	17/-
1923 (Feb. to May)	20/-	18/-	16/-
May, 1923—Sept., 1924	22/-	20/-	18/-
Since Sept., 1924	22/-	20/-	

Sheep which cost 2s. 3d. (including a war surcharge of 3d.) in 1917 were charged 6s. in 1922, and 5s. 6d. per head since September, 1924.

The freight on cattle from Canada to Liverpool is 20 dollars per head, which works out at 3s. 3d. per 100 miles, while the rate from Cork to Liverpool is 22s. per head, or 9s. per 100 miles.

Cattle landed from Canada arrive in better condition than when they left, while Irish animals arrive in such a condition that they are scarcely fit to be marketed.

REPUBLICAN PAPER BANNED.

ACTION OF NORTHERN MINISTER.

Sir Dawson Bates, Minister for Home Affairs in the Northern Government, has issued an order prohibiting the circulation of the Republican weekly newspaper *Sinn Fein* in Northern Ireland from 1st January, 1925, to 31st December, 1925.

SWEET TRADE IN FREE STATE

BRITISH FIRM TO MANUFACTURE IN DUBLIN.

We are obliged to the *Irish Confectionery Trade Journal* for the information that Messrs. John Mackintosh, of Halifax, have come to an arrangement by which their well-known "toffee-de-luxe" will be manufactured by special licence by the North Kerry Manufacturing Company for the trade of the Irish Free State. The latter company will distribute all Messrs. Mackintosh's goods in the Free State, while Messrs. Mackintosh will sell the "N.K.M." toffee and other products of the North Kerry Manufactoring Company in Great Britain.

This arrangement will permit Mackintosh's toffee to be sold in the Free State at the same price as in Britain. The present price of Mackintosh's toffee in the Free State is 4d. a quarter lb. It is probable that the price of "N.K.M." toffee also will be reduced.

To present the output of "N.K.M." toffee at the factory in Rathmines is about nine tons a week, and it is understood that the consumption of Mackintosh's toffee in the Free State is over ten tons a week. It is, therefore, expected that the output of the North Kerry Manufacturing factory will be more than doubled, and greatly increased employment will be given.

RUGBY INTERNATIONAL.

FRENCH COMMENT ON ATTITUDE OF CROWD.

PARIS.

The writers of the sporting columns in the Paris newspapers are practically unanimous in deploring the French crowd's display of hostility to the visiting team, and especially to the Scottish referee, in yesterday's France v. Ireland Rugby match. It is recalled that similar unfriendly demonstrations marked the Olympic Rugby game between France and the United States last summer, and the fear is expressed that repetitions of such unsportsmanlike behaviour on the part of a section of the spectators on the section which clearly was ignorant of the rules of Rugby—may deter foreign teams from visiting France in future.

Le Echo des Sports writes:—"The Scottish referee was relentless severity, but the severity was not one-sided. The French team had many penalties given against them because they have got into bad habits, thanks to the insufficient strictness of many French referees."

Speaking at a banquet which followed the match, Mr. MacGill said that he had made every allowance for the attitude of the French crowd, and he paid a tribute to the sportsmanship of both XIIIteen.—(Reuter.)

LATE NEWS.

THE ALLIES AND GERMANY.

THE EVACUATION OF COLOGNE.

The Times in a leading article says:—The Ambassadors' Conference has drawn up a Note to Germany on the subject of disarmament, and it may be assumed that the Note will say something in this connection concerning the delay in the evacuation of the northern zone of the occupied territory of Germany, or the so-called Cologne area. The Note will be presented by the Allied Governments in due course, and, no doubt, it will be published. It is not at all certain that the terms of this Note will be so framed as to give the full, convincing and thoroughly satisfactory explanation of the delay which is demanded by public opinion in all the Allied countries, in Germany and by the world at large.

In the Allied countries there is a strong and very natural presumption in favour of the suggestions that the Military Control Commission has found evidence that Germany has not faithfully carried out the disarmament clauses of the Treaty, and that powerful influences in Germany are trying by all kinds of ingenious devices to keep some sort of military and aggressive force in being. That is a very natural presumption in view of the stern lessons of the war. But when the Allied Governments undertake official and decisive action, such as that which is implied in the postponement of the evacuation of Cologne beyond the Treaty date, it is incumbent upon them to assure for their action the reasoned approval, not only of their own countries, but of nations far removed from the European turmoil.

This is the more necessary since German opinion is in a state of extreme confusion and is throwing forth a number of ridiculous suggestions and demonstrably false assertions which may possibly influence some wavering minds abroad. It is absolutely necessary that a clear statement of the findings of the Control Commission should be published at the earliest opportunity.

SECOND TEST MATCH.

FIRE IN THE STAND.

MELBOURNE, Saturday.

The weather was fine and the wicket perfect this morning, and there was a gate of 25,000 before the Test Match was resumed.

Shortly before 11 o'clock, when the main grand stand on the cricket ground was packed, a fire broke out between the ceiling of the tea room and the stand.

The firemen were called and had little difficulty in extinguishing the flames. There was a lot of excitement among the occupants of the stand, who, however, never left their seats, and remained in their seats throughout the whole proceeding. It is thought that a lighted cigarette was the cause of the outbreak.

Sutcliffe has given an assurance that his batting.

Hobbs swept Gregory's first ball to leg for two, and then, by tapping Kelleway to mid-on for a single, reached his 2,000 runs for the England-Australia Test matches. This is a record for an Englishman, beating A. C. MacLaren's 1,951. For Australia, however, Clem Hill scored altogether 2,660 runs.

Score:—

Hobbs not out	8
Sutcliffe not out	10
Total (no wicket)	18

ATLANTIC AIRSHIPS.

BOSTON COMPANY PLANS TO BUILD TWENTY.

NEW YORK, Friday.

A commercial airship company, with a capital of $50,000,000 (£10,000,000) is being formed in Boston. The company proposes to build 20 airships, each with a carrying capacity of from 100 to 150 passengers and 50 tons of freight, to maintain a service between Boston and London, and Boston and San Francisco. The passenger tariffs will be the same as the present steamship and railway fares.—(*Times* correspondent.)

MR. NORMAN'S VISIT TO NEW YORK.

IMPORTANT STATEMENT.

NEW YORK, Friday.

Mr. Strong, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank, in a statement issued here this evening, says Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, has authorised me to say, on his behalf, that his present visit to the United States is one of the customary trips he has made every year or two in the past for the purpose of conferring with the officers of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which is the representative in New York of the Bank of England.—(Reuter.)

AMERICAN POSTAL SCANDAL.

OFFICIAL RECEIVES "GRAFT MONEY."

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Friday.

Another United States Government scandal has arisen. The United States Postmaster-General, Mr. New, has suspended a number of postal officials following disclosures made of their complicity in paying "graft money" to Mr. E. H. McDermott, Assistant Secretary to the Senate Committee, in return for his influence in favour of legislation to increase the pay of postal employés.

McDermott, who, it is said, asked the postal officials to pay him £2,500 for his influence towards securing the pay increases, has been discharged by the Senate Committee. Evidence shows that McDermott actually received about £600.

FIREWORKS CAUSE PANIC.

CHINESE CELEBRATIONS IN CANADA.

HALIFAX (N.S.), Friday.

When a number of Chinese here started their New Year celebration by touching off the first of giant fireworks suspended above the street outside their lodge room, panic was created in the moving picture theatre opposite, and the two hundred people inside rushed madly for the exits, believing that there was a fire or some other catastrophe. Fortunately only minor injuries are reported. The Chinese had forgotten to give due warning of their aerial bombardment.—(Reuter.)

SHIPPING STRIKE AT ATHENS.

ATHENS, Friday.

The Government's refusal to accede to the demands of the strikers in merchant ships of the coastal and island services and the ensuring of communications by the employment of men not belonging to the unions, has irritated the trade unions, and a general strike is considered imminent.

The Government declares that it has taken steps to meet every contingency, and to ensure communications and lighting.

THE AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING DISPUTE.

FREMANTLE, Friday.

The Clan Monroe, which had been held up owing to the Fremantle branch of the Waterside Workers' Federation declining its new members not to work on board, has sailed for Adelaide.

The Waterside Workers' Federation heads' quarters at Melbourne recently decided the Fremantle branch of their union, which it was feared might jeopardise the recent agreement with the steamship owners.

THE BOUNDARY.

COMMISSION'S WORK IN IRELAND.

SITTINGS TO BEGIN THIS MONTH.

ELECTION CONTESTS.

FROM OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

I learn that the Boundary Commission will begin its sittings in Ireland on or about the 21st inst., instead of, as had been expected, the second week in February.

At the moment the Commission is considering the communications that it has received from public bodies, associations and individuals relating to its task, and probably by the end of another ten days or more an official announcement as to the dates and places of the regular sittings will be made. As yet, no intimation as to the precise date of the first of these sittings has been received by the Free State Government.

Rooms have been reserved in the Armagh Courthouse by the Commission, and it is not improbable that the first sitting will be held there. The last date for the submission of written representations was 31st December, 1924, but, so far as can be ascertained, the number of communications which the Commission is at present engaged in considering does not exceed two dozen. It is expected that the Commission's sittings will occupy the greater part of six months. Evidence will be taken at, among other places, Derry City, Armagh, Newry, Omagh, Dungannon and Enniskillen.

THE ELECTIONS.

Meanwhile, there are other matters that claim interest and attention of the Free State public. To mention but two, there are the internal differences of the Cumann na nGaedheal Organisation and the approaching by-elections. Last night the Executive Committee of Cumann na nGaedheal was to have met to consider the names of the eight candidates selected for the forthcoming contests by the constituency conventions of the organisation. In consequence of the absence of several members of the Committee the meeting has now been postponed until Friday next.

That the selections have been or will be affected by the discontent which is at present agitating the ranks of the Free State party can be little doubt. Strenuous efforts are being made to bring about a reconciliation with Mr. McGrath's group, and, despite the fact that certain selections for the coming elections have been recommended to the Executive of the Cumann na nGaedheal by constituency conventions, there is no certainty as to what may happen within the next week. To-morrow a convention will be held at Cavan to select a candidate for the constituency, which has been without a Parliamentary representative since the resignation of Mr. Sean Milroy. The delegates from the different branches of the organisation in Cavan met a couple of weeks ago, it will be remembered, to make a choice, but adjourned without coming to any decision, as the result of a telegram from Mr. Padraic O'Maille and C. M. Byrne. Messrs. Padraic O'Maille and C. M. Byrne. These two deputies requested that the convention should not make a selection pending the outcome of negotiations for reconciliation with Mr. McGrath's party.

Interesting developments will, I am informed, be provided by to-morrow's convention, when the branch delegates re-assemble to make a selection. Mr. O'Higgins and Mr. J. J. Walsh, will attend the Convention, and an extremely frank expression of his views on the present "crisis" in the Cumann na nGaedheal Organisation will, I learn, be submitted to the meeting by the Minister for Justice.

To-morrow week a Cumann na nGaedheal Convention will be held at Kilkenny for the purpose of selecting a Ministerial candidate for the Carlow-Kilkenny vacancy. In Kilkenny the belief is that Mr. Sean Gibbons will seek re-election; this time as the nominee of the National Party. The Republican candidate for the constituency will be Mr. Michael Barry, a brother of the late Kevin Barry. On the same date as that of the Cumann na nGaedheal Convention, Labour Conference will be held at Bagnalstown for the purpose of considering the advisability of putting forward a Labour candidature.

The Mid-Kilkenny branch of the Transport Union has already appointed delegates to the Convention. It is thought likely that the Convention will recommend the selection of Mr. William O'Brien, General Secretary of the Transport Union, or Mr. A. Heron, editor of *The Voice of Labour*, as a suitable candidate. Mr. Heron was an unsuccessful candidate some time ago for a vacancy in the Parliamentary representation of Dublin County.

SIR J. CRAIG CONTRADICTS A REPORT.

Sir James Craig, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, said yesterday, when interviewed about an article on the boundary question in a London evening newspaper, that there was no foundation for the assertion that a specific new frontier line had ever been suggested by him. He had never put forward any suggestion for the boundary, and he would not be prepared to accept any proposal other than that the existing boundary should stand, subject to such adjustments of a minor character, on both sides, as could be agreed upon on a give and take principle.

EGYPT'S FUTURE.

ZAGHLULISTS FORMING A NEW PARTY.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CAIRO, Friday.

Interesting developments in the Egyptian situation are expected in the near future. The election campaign now progressing has resulted in the formation of a new party entitled the Party of Union, which is really nothing else than a combination of Loyalists, who are alarmed by the evident intentions of the Zaghlulists against the Monarchy, and the Zaghlulists themselves, who are banding themselves together in readiness for the crisis expected in the near future.

The Zaghlulists are frankly Republican, and the centre of interest of the Egyptian question may possibly be removed to an internal struggle, upon whose issue the future form of the Government of Egypt may depend.

Already several prominent Zaghlulists have deserted the party publicly, announcing as their reason dissatisfaction with the Zaghlulists' disloyalty, and it is probable that the new party will become increasingly numerous.

The critical period will begin after the elections in February, at which the Zaghlulists are confident of obtaining a big majority. The supporters of Zaghlul almost openly boast that, if again they obtain power they intend to finish once for all with what they call the "Fuad" intrigue against the national leader. On his side, King Fuad is sparing no effort to encompass Zaghlul's downfall.

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GERMANY SEEKS A PRESIDENT.

ELECTION CAMPAIGN OPENED.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
BERLIN, Friday.

Germany officially opened its campaign to-day for the first election of a new President of the German Republic. Herr Stresemann, in an exclusive interview with me, confirmed the report that Herr Marx, the Chancellor, has been chosen as Presidential candidate of the Republican and Bourgeois Parties, the Centrists, Populists and Democrats.

"We chose Herr Marx as the best Bourgeois man for the Presidential post. The ideal man, of course, for the post is Herr Ebert, and he is the man we really, at the bottom of our hearts, would have preferred to nominate. But for small party reasons we cannot, because President Ebert is affiliated with the Socialistic Party, though he towers above all party interests, and concentrates all his remarkable gifts on one thought—the welfare of the country."

How hard the Presidential fight will be can be seen in the fact that no President can be elected unless he obtains more than half of all the votes of the nation. Therefore, the Nationalists in their papers to-day have grown pathetically oratorical in their pleas to politicians and the nation to find the ideal man of true Conservative convictions. Failing to find him, they concentrate their attack against President Ebert in blind fury.

ARMED ROBBERY.

OLD AGE PENSION MONEY SEIZED.

When the driver of the Ballymote and Tubbercurry motor van stopped to deliver mails at Gleenkeavy Post Office on Thursday evening, armed and masked men forced him to drive the van to a by-road, where they seized £80 of old age pension money. The robbers, however, overlooked a larger sum which was being carried in the van. The driver was compelled to walk back to Ballymote. The robbers drove away in the motor van, but abandoned it some miles from the point where they had seized the money. When the Civic Guards found the van the mails were still intact. On Thursday morning also, John J. Curley, a rural postman, was stopped outside Ballymote by two men armed with shot guns, who robbed him of £20, old age pension money.

NEW GOLD RUSH.

7,000 DIGGING IN SIBERIA.

COPENHAGEN, Friday.

A Helsingfors report, which lacks confirmation, says that gold has been found, extending, it is believed, for five hundred square kilometres in the basin of two rivers, along the basin of the Aldana tributary, Lena, in Siberia.

The report adds that there is a great rush of people to the spot, and that already seven thousand are digging.—(Exchange.)

CANADA'S TRADE.

"OUTWARD BOUND TO ASSURED PROSPERITY."

OTTAWA, Friday.

Mr. Thomas Low, Minister of Trade and Commerce, reviewing the trade and industrial conditions of Canada during the past year, says, in an article published to-day:—"Canada has emerged sound and steady from the disturbances and chaos of the post-war years. She is balancing her Budget and building up her trade advantage. She is also stemming emigration, and developing desirable immigration. Her debt charges go on with the highest in the world. She is meeting her obligations, and is floating her new loans at a much lower rate of interest. Canada has demonstrated her fundamental soundness beyond all question or doubt. The tide has turned, and Canada, having amply proved her ability to ride tempestuous seas, is now outward bound on her voyage to assured prosperity."—(Reuter.)

RECORD MEAT SUPPLIES.

YEAR'S HUGE SALES IN LONDON.

Supplies of meat to the London Central Markets during 1924 established a "record" of 680,520 tons, against 670,401 tons in 1923.

Supplies from Britain and Ireland increased by 11,768 tons, and from Argentina by 11,437 tons; but there was a drop of 14,179 tons in supplies from Australasia, and of 4,680 tons in supplies from Canada and the United States.

New Zealand, Australia, and Argentina continue to supply the great bulk of mutton and lamb, respectively, consumed in London; whilst the Netherlands easily lead in the supply of pork.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION.

APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS IN BELFAST.

The medical staff of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, has issued an appeal for volunteers, who will give their blood for transfusion into patients requiring this form of treatment.

It is desirable, the appeal says, that there shall be a list of persons who can be called upon at any moment. The blood of a donor must be carefully tested before transfusion takes place, and care must be taken to see that it is compatible with that of the patient. There are four types of blood. If there was a list of volunteers whose blood had been tested, much valuable time could be saved. Volunteers would not be called upon except in urgent cases, and at long intervals.

RAINFALL IN 1924.

273 WET DAYS IN SLIGO.

HARKREE OBSERVATORY, SLIGO.

Month.	Total Depth. Inches.	Greatest Fall in 24 Hours. Inches.	Date.	Number of Days with .01 in. or More.
January	5.68	0.80	23	26
February ...	2.84	0.35	9	20
March	2.54	0.53	24	9
April	4.75	0.76	19	19
May	5.35	0.80	27	27
June	4.55	1.35	3	24
July	4.64	0.61	7	25
August	7.31	0.90	20	28
September...	6.11	1.30	7	27
October	4.70	0.70	10	23
November ...	6.32	1.16	26	19
December ...	5.33	0.35	26	26
Total...	59.17			273

January 1st, 1925. J. R. ARMSTRONG.

THE SECRETARIAL COURSE at SKERRY'S COMMERCIAL SCHOOL, 10 Harcourt st., Dublin, is the best possible preparation for a Business Career, and includes expert tuition in Shorthand, Typewriting, Book-keeping, Office Routine, etc. Prospectus free.—(Advt.)

A large number of valuable books have been destroyed in a fire in the library of Liege University.

GALE AND FLOODS IN IRELAND.

(Continued from Page 7, Column 2.)

the special Government grant have been suspended for some days past.

Torrential rain, accompanied by a gale, continued throughout Thursday in the Thomastown districts. Low-lying lands are submerged, and cattle and horses are being housed night and day. Sheep are the principal sufferers. The River Nore has swollen, and threatens to flood the streets of the town, while some yards and gardens are covered with water to a depth of four feet.

Many houses in South Kilkenny have been unroofed. There is a good deal of sickness.

DESTRUCTIVE WIND.

TWO CHURCHES DAMAGED.

Clonmel has experienced the full force of the storm during the past few days, and much damage has been done to buildings. The copper sheeting of the dome of St. Mary's Catholic Church was ripped open, and is flapping in the wind like a large flag. The roof of the Protestant church was also partially stripped, while slates were torn off several houses, and a large number of chimney bricks were blown into Mitchel street. Guards have had to be put up outside houses in O'Connell street which are in danger of falling. The Suir is in heavy flood.

THE STORM IN CORK.

On Thursday night another fierce gale prevailed in Cork, and there was a very heavy downpour of rain. At about 11 o'clock yesterday morning the rain ceased. During the night slates were torn from the roofs of houses in several parts of the city and suburbs.

SNOWSTORM IN ARMAGH.

A gale, accompanied by a heavy and continuous downpour of rain, passed over Armagh on Thursday night, and yesterday the city was visited by a snowstorm. In low-lying districts serious damage has been done by flooding, and the River Callan has overflown its banks.

HIGH WIND IN MONAGHAN.

On New Year's Day and again yesterday gales swept over the town of Monaghan and the district, accompanied by torrential downpours. Slates were blown off many of the houses, and pedestrians had narrow escapes. In the country districts thatched roofs have been stripped, and in some places lands have been inundated by flooding.

FLOODED FARMS.

Not within living memory has the Owenmore River overflowed its banks to such a serious extent as on Thursday, and in the vicinity of Ballymote many houses were under water, and the occupants were forced to leave. Cows were swept away and haggards were flooded, considerable damage being done to hay, oats and potatoes. The road between Ballymote and Ballaghaderreen was impassable, and the river is still rising.

THUNDERSTORM IN KING'S COUNTY.

The Philipstown (King's County) district was visited by a severe thunderstorm, accompanied by vivid flashes of lightning, yesterday afternoon. The storm lasted about twenty minutes, and was followed by a torrential downpour, which later turned to hail. Acres of land in the vicinity of the town are covered with water, which in places is three feet in depth. It is reported that cattle were killed by the lightning in the outlying districts. People are suffering keenly owing to the great scarcity of fuel.

FLOODING IN DERRY.

Serious flooding occurred in Derry on Thursday at the junction of Lone Moore road and West End Park. Owing to a defect in the filter at Watts's basin there was an overflow, and water rushed down these thoroughfares, tearing up the road and flooding several houses in the locality.

FLOODS IN MAYO.

The river Moy is swollen to such an extent by the heavy rainfall that many thousands of acres along its course are under water.

The water washed over the quay at Ballina, where a Liverpool steamer was berthed, and damaged goods in the stores, as well as flooding the cattle and pig pens.

ENGINEERING WONDERS.

INTERESTING LECTURE IN DUBLIN.

Professor P. F. Purcell, M.A., M.A.I., M.Inst.C.E., delivered an interesting lecture on Great Engineering Achievements to a large audience at the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, yesterday afternoon.

The lecture was the third of a series of six arranged under the auspices of the Royal Dublin Society, adapted to a juvenile audience.

In the first part of the lecture, which was illustrated by lantern slides, Professor Purcell dealt with the failure of the Tay Bridge in 1879, and its effects on the design and construction of the Forth Bridge, which was built between 1882 and 1889. The sinking of the caissons was done with the aid of compressed air, the maximum pressure reached being 46 pounds per square inch. The effects of compressed air on the human body was explained, and an account given of the researches of Professor Haldane, of Cambridge University, in conjunction with Lieutenant Damant, R.N., who recently had charge of the successful salvage operations on the Laurentic in Lough Swilly, from which divers had recovered over five million sterling in gold bars.

BRIDGES AND TUNNELS.

Following the Forth Bridge, the two failures and final successes in 1917 in the completion of the Quebec Bridge was explained. This bridge has a clear span of 1,800 feet, and is, therefore, now the longest span bridge in the world.

The general features of Alpine tunnels are of great interest, and the work in the construction of the Simplon Tunnel (1898-1906), which was carried out with such conspicuous bravery by the engineers and workers concerned, was described by the lecturer as the greatest achievement of human endeavour. This tunnel is 12½ miles long; reaches a depth of 7,005 feet below the top of the summit of the Alps—the greatest depth below the crust of the earth yet penetrated by man.

Water at a temperature of 110 to 120 degrees rushed in great quantities into the tunnel, and the temperature at times became unbearable. Heavy sprays of cold water were used to cool the air, and large volumes of cold water were pumped up to the face of the tunnel and projected against the issuing stream of hot water, so as to make work possible. Eventually, after seven years of strenuous work the tunnel was completed, and now constitutes the most important link in the Trans-Continental communications.

HARNESSING NIAGARA.

In conclusion, Professor Purcell dealt with the harnessing of the fall of Niagara, and the work of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission. The total power available at Niagara is 5½ million horse power, and of this over one million horse power is at present developed. The principal development is on the Canadian side, where the Queenston station of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission will produce in ten turbines over 550,000 horse power.

CANADIAN MAYOR'S RECORD.

OTTAWA, ONTARIO, Friday.

Mr. L. G. Lamothe holds the Canadian record for Municipal Mayors, having been elected for the nineteenth term as Mayor and having served thirty-six years on the Municipal Council.

"THE IRISH MOTHER'S FRIEND"

"I enclose photo of my Baby Boy, aged 8 months. He has been fed on Nurse's Food from birth and I find it very satisfactory. He is eating his third bowl and is healthy, strong and very contented. I shall be pleased to recommend Nurse's Food to any mother."
—Mrs. Corcoran of Belfast.

"This is an excellent food."
—Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., late Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dublin.

BABY GORDON. Examples and Booklet free on application to Dept. 12, Nurse's Food Co., Ltd., Formby, Lancs.

NEARLY A CENTURY'S REPUTATION.

Babies thrive on Nestlé's Milk Food

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

ALSO NEARER HOME.—Satisfactory reports are reported to have fallen in the French zone of Morocco.

TURKS SUPPRESS BRITISH PAPER.—The *Orient News*, a British newspaper published in Constantinople, has been suppressed. The Government has given no reasons for this action.

A LEG TO SPARE.—A man fell on the track from the Paddington Bakerloo station, and an incoming train took off one of his legs. It was a false one, however, and his sound limb was uninjured.

A FATAL SWING.—Harold Wilcocks, a 17 year-old stable boy, of Kilmaine road, Fulham, died in Fulham Infirmary from injuries received in falling twenty feet from a swing-boat at a Fulham fair ground.

SCHOOL REVENGE.—Scholars in Buckinghamshire Elementary, and other schools, are to be insured by the Education Authority against accidents, the premium being at the rate of 1s. 4½d. for 100 scholars.

DEARER PAPER.—The New York *World* announces that it is raising its price on Monday to three cents (1½d.). The other daily newspapers are, with one exception, sold at two cents.

A GOOD WORD FOR PUBLICANS.—The Vicar of All Saints', Islington (the Rev. Wilfred Francis), explaining why he is forming a Guild of Publicans, says that he has found that publicans, "besides being jolly good fellows, possess unblemished characters."

OFFICER'S FINE.—A fine of £20 imposed by the Ascot Bench for dangerous driving has been paid by Major Bathye, of the Welsh Guards. Major Bathye was involved in an accident in which Superintendent Goddard was injured.

A SHORT WAY WITH REBELS.—The publication of the Madrid evening newspaper *La Voz* has been suspended for three days by the military authorities because of an article describing in short-story form corrupt political customs in village life.

CANADIAN WATER POWER.—During the past year new capital invested in hydro-electric enterprises in Canada totalled approximately 45,000,000 dollars (£9,000,000). The total installation in Canada is now 3,560,000 horse-power.

A CARDINAL'S DEATH.—The Roman correspondent of the *Catholic Times* announces the death of Cardinal Oreste Giorgi, at the age of 68 years. Cardinal Giorgi was born at Valmontone, in what was then the Papal States, in 1856, and was created Cardinal Deacon by Pope Benedict XV. in December, 1916.

MODEL TRAFFIC RULES.—Rigid traffic rules have been adopted by the City of Los Angeles. Horses are banned from the business district. Pedestrians are compelled to keep moving, and persons crossing streets are required to raise an arm as a signal to vehicular traffic.

PERFUMED TRAVELLING.—A scented "tube" will be the latest boast of Paris. The management of the railway, following hundreds of protests of bad air and disagreeable odours, has decided to install an hygienic apparatus in stations and trains, giving off a delicious perfume.

AS ELSEWHERE.—The crossword puzzle has been adopted by patients at the State Hospital for the Insane at North Warren, Pennsylvania. Both men and women are said by officers of the institution to have passed hours poring over the black and white squares in newspapers supplied by the hospital.

CENSOR COVERS HIS TRACKS.—The Spanish newspapers have been accustomed to appear with blank spaces showing where the censor's pencil had been at work. Now the censor has ordered that no indication is to be given that articles have been censored. This practice of leaving blank spaces is forbidden; penalties being attached for non-compliance.

EXAMINATION FOR AIR SERVICE.—The Civil Service Commissioners announce that an open competitive examination for the entry of aircraft apprentices into the Royal Air Force will be held in Belfast, Birmingham, Chatham, Edinburgh, Dundon, Plymouth and Portsmouth, beginning on April 17th, 1925. The limit of age is 16-18½ on July 1st, 1925.

A BIG GRAND OPERA NIGHT.—"This is my twenty-fifth year in office," said the Croydon Recorder in opening the local quarter sessions. "Time and again I have suggested that the grand jury has perhaps outlived its usefulness, but other people do not seem to think so, and you are still here." Of 60 jurors summoned to try five prisoners, 34 were on the grand jury panel.

A NATION ON WHEELS.—For every 6.42 persons of the 114,000,000 population of the United States there is one motor car or truck. The total number of motor vehicles now in use in the United States is 19,700,000 odd, a gain of 16.26 per cent. over the total of 15,925,000 recorded in 1923. The amount of money invested in these vehicles is estimated at £9,300,000,000.

THE NEW YEAR LEAP.—Nearly 300 emigrants began the New Year and a new career on New Year's Day by sailing for Canada from Southampton in the Cunard liner Antonia. Among the British contingent, which was principally composed of farm hands and domestic helps, were a missionary, two evangelists, a musician and an optician. Two other large parties consisted entirely of Poles, Roumanians, and Jugo-Slavs.

HIGH TREASON.—Chief Officer A. L. Baser, of the Brixham Coast Watchers, assisted by Coastguardsman Upton, ascended the steep, precipitous cliffs at Berry Head, some 400 ft., by means of a life-line, and rescued a spaniel which had fallen over the cliff, where it remained on a ledge, unable to ascend or descend, for two days. Officer Baser gripped the animal by the collar and was hauled, at the risk of his life, in bringing it to the top of the cliff.

ALAS, POOR YORICK.—A human skull and five finger bones, discovered by Mr. F. G. Seager, a tramcar driver, while digging in his garden at Mansdale street, Camberwell, were declared by the police divisional surgeon who examined them to be at least fifty years old and those of an adult. On the left side of the skull was a small hole; there was also a fracture on the top, and the jaw was missing. It is impossible to decide whether the injuries were made before or after death, or to trace the identity of the person.

THE EXPERTS.—Cross-word puzzles have ousted acrostics from popular favour, probably because acrostics are too difficult. It is told that a certain editor once persuaded Father Ronald Knox to provide him with acrostics; but the first set was so hard that only one person, Mr. Maurice Baring, attempted a solution. The editor dismissed Father Knox and set Mr. Baring in his place. The first acrostic set by Mr. Baring was so hard that only one solution was attempted—by Father Ronald Knox.

A BAD BRIDEGROOM.—Ross Blanche Beason, aged 41, was remanded on bail at Brighton Police Court on a charge of wounding her husband, Stanley Basson, on New Year's Eve. A policeman said that a statement was made by Mrs. Basson that she and her husband were having supper, when she said: "If you are going to make my life a misery as you did last year I wish you muluck." He threw a glass of beer at her, and during a struggle which followed the husband was injured by a carving knife with which his wife had been cutting bread.

FIGHTING LUXURY.—The largest motor-ship in the world, the Aorangi, of the Union Steamship Co. of New Zealand, Ltd., fought her way into Southampton, on Thursday through a gale, and sails to-day for the other side of the world. She is the newest development in shipbuilding and is British through-out. Her fittings and decorations are magnificent, with a Tudor room, a spring floor for dancing, a gymnasium, a large painting by an Academician in the lounge, and telephone service. Electricity heats the plates, makes the bread, boils the eggs, cooks the food, washes the dishes, cleans the silver plate, and even peels the potatoes.

FEWER BIRTHS AND DEATHS.—Last week the birth rate in London was 9.9 per 1,000. This is incomparably the lowest rate ever recorded in any week. The lowest rate in 1923 was 14.0 per 1,000, which occurred in the same week—the last of the year. The figure for the last week of 1922 was 17.5 and for 1921 was 18.0. In the 105 great towns the rate for the last week of 1924 was 11.4, which is also the lowest ever recorded. Hardly the death rates for this last week of 1924 are also without parallel at this time of year, and suggest May rather than December. That for London was 11.2 per 1,000 population, and that for the 105 great towns was 11.9.

WORTHY OF SHERLOCK HOLMES.—The secretary of a sick benefit club at Maesteg (Glam.) has discovered in remarkable circumstances £11 10s. out of £13 recently stolen from his house. He withdrew the £15 in Treasury notes from the bank, and, after copying the numbers into his notebook, placed the notes in a drawer at home. He was in a shop shortly afterwards, when he noticed that a one-pound note which had been handed over the counter bore a familiar number. He found that it corresponded with one of the numbers in his notebook, and when he reached home discovered that the notes he had placed in the drawer had been stolen. The abstraction enabled him to trace the person who had handed in the identified note, with the result that most of the stolen money was recovered.

FOUND IN A CODFISH.—While cutting open a codfish, a shopkeeper's assistant, of Kingston discovered in its mouth a plain gold ring, apparently a wedding ring. The fish was purchased in Billingsgate market.

TICKETS BY THE MILLION.—No less than 155,600,000 tickets were collected throughout the 7,000 miles of the L.N.E.R. last year. These tickets placed end to end would reach a distance of 5,811 miles.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA IN LONDON.—Although no definite announcement has so far been made it is known that Mr. J. Jelley, Member of the Legislative Council, has accepted the post of Agent-General for South Australia in London, says a message from Adelaide.

AN ADVENTUROUS WEDDING.—A wedding party at Tintern (Mon.) were upset, owing to the driver of their motor car not noticing a rope tied across the road. The car was considerably damaged, but the wedding couple escaped injury.

RECORD POTATO PLOT.—A Canadian farmer, Mr. Thomas Avery, of Korah, Ontario, has invested 4,200 bushels of potatoes from twelve acres of land—350 bushels to the acre. This is a record for any plot larger than ten acres.

A DOCTOR'S END.—Dr. A. M. Crabtree, a former London physician, who, with his brother, Dr. E. F. Crabtree, recently purchased a practice at Ludlow, was found dead in his bedroom at Broad street, Ludlow. He had a wound in the throat, and a razor was by his side.

YOUNG PATIENCE REWARDED.—A lad of 15 was the "first foot" at Glasgow Art Galleries, and, in accordance with custom, he was presented with a Scottish quaich, a small cup or drinking vessel. He had waited outside the building for eleven hours.

MR. J. H. THOMAS.—A Derby telegram says that Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., who leaves for Jamaica on Monday is again suffering from eye trouble, due to heavy pressure of work in the past few months. He hopes the sea trip will put him right.

WORLD'S LONGEST PLATFORM.—One result of linking up the Victoria and Exchange stations on the L.M.S. Railway at Manchester—a scheme which is to be carried out immediately—will be the creation of the world's longest platform, the total length being 2,175 feet.

BEATEN BY A BELL.—Scared by a powerful electric alarm bell, burglars who tried to enter, for the second time in a few days, the Rego Clothiers' premises at Bromley, Kent, hastily fled, and police, attracted by the alarm, surrounded the shop, but found nothing missing.

MR. SHAW AS TRANSLATOR.—Mr. Bernard Shaw has turned translator. He has just translated "Frau Gitta's Sühne," the Austrian play by Siegfried Trebitsch, which was first produced in Vienna in 1920. Mr. Shaw's version is to be put on under the title of "Jitta's Atonement," at the Grand Theatre, Fulham, with Violet Vanbrugh as Jitta.

SIX NURSES' ESCAPE.—A car in which six nurses were being taken from a hospital to a fancy dress ball, overturned at Chirk, Denbighshire. The car accidentally knocked down a man named Alan Jones, and fell over. The six nurses were extricated unhurt, but Lester lies in Chirk Hospital in a critical condition.

A WATER COLOURIST'S DEATH.—Mr. Clem Lambert, a well-known artist, has died at Brighton at the age of 70 years. Mr. Lambert, who was one of the pioneers of modern water colour painting, had had many of his works hung at the Brighton Art Galleries, and had also exhibited in London. He was a great lover of the Downland.

FIRE ON COTTON LINER.—A fire broke out yesterday morning in the hold of the Chinese Prince, a Prince liner, which arrived at Manchester on Monday from Alexandria, carrying 2,000 bales of cotton, and general cargo. The cotton was valued at about £120,000. Most of it has been damaged, though there may be some saved.

DOCKERS BY "WIRELESS."—Patients at the Sick Children's Hospital, Edinburgh, have reaped a benefit which is described by the authorities as "astounding" from the use of wireless. An extensive installation was recently provided, and the patients eagerly leave their beds each day, and dance and sing to the music which comes through the loud speakers.

MARRIED BY A WOMAN.—On behalf of a Sheffield girl a claim to be the first woman to solemnise a marriage has been entered. Miss Laura Beard was appointed deputy superintendent registrar of Ecclesall, Bierlow, Sheffield, in August, 1925, and on several occasions since, in the absence of her father, the Superintendent-Registrar, she has solemnised marriages.

HOSPITAL'S NARROW WIN.—The Royal Northern Hospital, London, has won £80,000. Sir Howell J. Williams offered to give this sum to the hospital if it raised a like amount by the end of 1925. After a strenuous campaign the task was completed at a late hour on the last day of the old year. Among the gifts in the closing days were a penny from a tiny girl visitor, and £5 in stamps.

FATAL FALL FROM TRAIN.—A verdict of accidental death was returned at Doncaster on Charles Edward Gee, marine engineer, of Cardiff, who fell from a London and North Eastern train when passing Hatfield, after attending a funeral at Newcastle. Apparently after sleeping he woke up suddenly, and thinking he had arrived at the station, opened the door and fell out.

BIG CONTRACT FOR LONDON FIRMS.—The tenders of two London firms, Messrs. W. Griffiths and Co., and the Roads and Public Works Co., have been accepted for the construction of the new Maidstone and Folkestone road. The total expenditure will amount to £400,000, and the work, which will be supervised by the Kent County Surveyor, will be commenced next week.

CANADIAN BACON.—Investigations by the Ontario Agricultural Inquiry Committee have revealed that about 25,000,000lbs. of United States bacon was re-exported from Canada and put on the British market as best quality "Canadian" bacon. In view of this, the Committee have recommended that a distinctive brand should be placed on all exportable Canadian bacon (says Reuter).

TAKING CARE OF THE PENCE.—In the offices of the Gas Light and Coke Company, London, up to 17,000,000 pennies are stored at one time, owing to the vast numbers of copper coins taken in the slot meters. Some 600,000,000 pennies a year are taken, and at any given moment up to a quarter of a million pounds in coppers lie in the safes of the British metropolis.

FLIGHT ACROSS AFRICA.—Preparations are being made, under the auspices of the Air Ministry, for another flight across Africa, from north to south. The object of the flight is to find suitable bases for a regular air service and to test the abilities of a new seaplane. It is understood that the trip will start probably from Harwich, where the flying boat is now undergoing severe trials.

A GENTLE HINT.—Each guest at a dinner in Queen's College, Oxford, was handed a needle and thread, with the admonition: "Take this and be thrifty." The custom dates from the time when Prince Hal, a student at Queen's, being reproved by his father for extravagance, went home with needle and thread hanging to his gown, and told the King that he had been tried to mend his own rents.

PIG-BRINGS LUCK.—The mother of a poor family living in the small hamlet of Polleric Carty, near Doncaster, decided to rip open a disused mattress in order to provide bedding for a pig which was being fattened for sale. She found inside the mattress a package containing £190 in sovereigns and £2 in Australian money. The children were all provided with new clothes. The mattress was bought some years ago for a few shillings.

THE FIREMEN'S HOLIDAY.—From the point of view of the London Fire Brigade, the New Year opened most auspiciously, not a single call having been received at any of the stations from the last midnight of 1924 until six o'clock next morning. A period of six hours free from fire alarms has only been recorded on two previous occasions in the history of the Metropolitan fire fighting force. By a coincidence, this instance marked the opening of a new year, occurring from mid-night on December 31, 1917, until 6 a.m. on the first day of 1918.

Blood-red wallflowers, primroses, primulas and odd auriculas, were seen in a Northumberland garden this week.

Mr. H. C. Hogan, editor of "The Record," the oldest Church of England newspaper, died on New Year's Eve.

The United States War Department Appropriation Bill has been reported to the House of Representatives. It provides for an expenditure of 331,000,000 dollars, which is 300,000 dollars below the Budget estimate. The number of officers and enlisted men is unchanged.

ROSSE COLLEGE, STEPHEN'S GREEN. Successes during 1924 include:—Bank of Ireland Male Clerkships—24 of the 46 appointments; Bank of Ireland Lady Clerkships—9 of the 12 appointments; Guinness's First Class Clerkships—all the appointments; Royal Bank—11 of the 15 appointments.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT.

REMAND IN MURDER CHARGE.

(Before Mr. Cooper, K.C.)

In the Dublin District Court yesterday, Ralph Laffan (26), Oakley road, motor mechanic, was put forward on remand charged with the murder (with two others then not arrested) of Ernest Khan by shooting him with three bullets at the corner of Lennox and Stamer streets between 12 midnight and 1 a.m. on November 16th, 1923. He was further charged with attempting, at the same time and place, to kill and murder David Miller.

Mr. Costello (instructed by Mr. Clarke, State Solicitor's Department) prosecuted, and Mr. Lennon (instructed by Mr. Vincent Kennedy) appeared for the defence.

David Miller, Victoria street, gave evidence that on the night in question he had been at the Jewish Social Club, and was afterwards chatting with some friends at the corner of Stamer street. Some of the others went away, and witness and Khan were left together. They walked to the corner of Lennox street, where they saw two men standing. Witness and his companion crossed the road to the other side, and there was then a call to "Halt!" from the two men, who also ran over. One of them asked witness and Khan where they were coming from and what were their names. Witness gave his name. One of the men asked their religion, and they replied that they were Jews. The man told witness and Khan to "go home to hell." They had only gone a few yards when shots were fired. Witness was hit, and he heard Khan moaning. After the shooting the two men got into a waiting motor car and drove away. Witness went to the assistance of Khan, who was lying on the roadway. He got a taxi and brought Khan to the Meath Hospital. Witness identified accused as one of the two men who accosted him and Khan on the occasion. He had never seen him before that night. He had been shown by Detective Sergeant Hughes a motor car which resembled the one in which the men drove away in.

To Mr. Lennon, witness said that he did not know who shot him, as he was fired at from behind, but it was one of the two men.

The accused was further remanded for a week.

ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE.

James Byrne and Peter Byrne, two boys, of Adelaide road, Glasthule, described as messengers, were put forward on remand yesterday on the charge that on 20th December last, each being armed with a revolver, they entered a shop in Sandycove road, "held up" the proprietor, James Green, and took by force 10s. in silver and a quantity of cigarettes.

Mr. Clarke (State Solicitor's Department) prosecuted, and Mr. Alexander Lynn defended.

Accused were remanded for trial at the Central Criminal Court, bail being refused.

UNLICENSED MOTORING.

(Before Mr. Cooper.)

Henry Beadle, Merrion row, was yesterday fined £20 for driving at Merrion square on the 15th July last a motor car for which no licence duty had been paid.

Mr. T. F. Burke, solicitor, prosecuted on behalf of the Dublin Corporation, whose inspector, Mr. Cleary, said that no tax had been paid for two years.

Notice had been served on defendant, who failed to put in an appearance, and the Justice said that under the circumstances he had no option but to impose the Excise penalty, which was £20.

MR. FORD'S ENTERPRISE.

TURKISH BOYS TO BUILD MOTORS.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
CONSTANTINOPLE, Friday.

The Turkish Government has been invited by Mr. Henry Ford, the American millionaire motor car manufacturer, to send twenty-five Turkish boys to Detroit, U.S.A., to learn the business of motor car manufacture in his factories.

The Turkish Government has accepted the offer, and as it is unable to find enough boys who speak English, it has asked the Robert College of Constantinople to give an intensive course in English for three months to twenty-five boys whom the Government will select.

The Government has decided to pay the passage of these boys to America in April next, and, according to Mr. Ford's offer, they will be paid five dollars a day during the first weeks at the factory and later six and seven dollars a day.

The boys will be offered posts by Mr. Ford when they return to Turkey, and will be free to refuse or accept them.

Since the offer became known thousands of Turkish boys have sent in their applications to the Government for permission to enter the course.

LIVE STOCK PRICES IN DUBLIN.

Average prices per cwt. live weight of fat cattle, sheep and lambs in Dublin Market:—

Year.	Fat Cattle. 1st Jan. 1925.	53rd Dec. 1924.	18th Dec. 1924.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1924-25 ...	51 6	53 6	51 6
At corresponding dates in previous years:—			
1923-24 ...	47 6	47 0	47 0
1920	92 9	90 9	93 0
1916-17 ...	68 0	66 6	66 0
1914	42 6	40 3	40 0
	Fat Sheep.		Fat Lambs.
	1st Jan.		1st Jan.
Year.	1925.		1925.
	s. d.		s. d.
1924-25 ...	70 0		73 0
At corresponding dates in previous years:—			
1923-24 ...	59 6		60 6
1920	109 9		
1916-17 ...	59 0		64 6
1914	41 3		44 6

Number Exposed for Sale.

	Fat Cattle.	Fat Sheep (Incl. Lambs).
1st January, 1925 ...	4,432	6,227
3rd January, 1924 ...	6,550	6,762

U.S. MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSED STRONG.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)
NEW YORK, Friday.

Stocks opened strong. Impressed by the business outlook, professional and public interests bought heavily, carrying many of the leading shares above yester year's highest. Radio Corporation jumped 13, Bosch Magneto 17, and many others 1 to 5 points. Railroads were also in large demand, especially the South-Western group. The market closed strong. Government Bonds irregular. Railroad Bonds firm. The day's sales totalled 2,040,000 shares. Money on call closed easy at 4 per cent. bid and 4¼ per cent. asked. Actual business was put through at from 4 to 5, with the ruling rate 5 per cent. The last transaction was at 4 per cent. Sterling exchange firm. Silver 3c. up for foreign-mined at 67.

Gold to the value of $2,500,000 has been engaged for export to Berlin.

	4th. Qtr.	4th. Qtr.
Call Money	4.90%	4.71%
Exchange on Lon. 60 days sight	4.83¼	4.74¼
Do. Demand Bills	4.83¾	4.74¾
Cable Transfers	4.73¾	4.74¾
Do. Montreal ...	4.85	4.86
Exchange Paris, cable ...	5.46	5.47

Beg. Parity	STOCKS.	Closing Bid Business Done. Wed.	Fri.
167½	U.S. Funded	162¾	162¾
100	Do. Preference	100	100
87½	Baltimore and Ohio	82¾	83
100	Canadian Pacific	149½	150
100¾	Chesapeake Ohio Com.	85	85¼
100	Chic., Mil. & St. Paul	13¾	14¼
100	Chicago and N.-West.	69¾	71
25¾	Erie Shares	26¾	27
100	Do. 1st Preferred	43¾	46
100	Great Northern Pref.	70½	72½
100	Illinois Central	113½	115¼
62⅞	Lehigh Valley	77¾	78¾
114	Louisville and Nashville	108	109¾
100	Missouri, Kan. & Texas	20¾	20¾
34⅝	Missouri Pacific New	30¾	30¾
100	Do. of Mexico 1st Pref.	75¼	76
100	Do. 2nd Pref.	57¾	57¾
118¾	N.Y. Chi. & Hudson R.	110½	111
127⅜	Norfolk and West Com.	130	132½
71	Northern Pacific Com.	69¾	70¾
100	Ontario and Western	27¾	28¼
100	Pennsylvania Shares	42¾	43¾
100	Reading Shares	69¾	70¾
100	Do. Preferred	87¾	88¾
100	Southern Railway	27¾	28¼
102¾	Southern Pacific	102¾	103¾
100	Texas and Pacific	24¾	25¼
100	Union Pacific	140¾	142¾
74⅜	Do. Pref.	74⅜	74⅜
100	Wabash Common	19	19¼
100	Do. Preferred A.	40¾	41¼
104	American Smelt. and Refining.	47⅜	48¾
100	American Sugar	55¾	56¾
100	British-American Tobacco Ord.	25¾	26¾
9⅛	Utah Copper	75¾	77
100	Vir. Car. Chemical Com.	31	31
100	General Electric	310	315
100	National Lead	110¾	112¾
100	United States Steel Common.	119¾	120¾
100	Do. Pref.	119¾	119¾
100	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock ...	57¾	58¾
100	Silver Commercial Bars	67	67
100	Mexican Dollars (New)	49⅜	49⅜
100	Inter. Mer. Marine Com. Certs.	16¾	17
100	Do. Pref. Certs.	43¾	44¾
100	Royal Dutch Ordinary	45¾	46¾
100	Shell Ordinary	44¾	45¾
100	Anglo-American O

RAIDERS ROUTED.

A PLUCKY GALWAY SHOPKEEPER.

On Tuesday night last four men, some of them carrying revolvers, entered the licensed premises of Mr. William Forde, Forster street, Galway. One of the raiders presented a revolver at Mr. Forde, and ordered him his family to clear out of the house. Mr. Forde snatched at the revolver, and a struggle ensued. A second raider attempted to jump over the counter, and Mr. Forde, seizing a bottling mallet, struck at him, stunning him with a blow on the head.

The three others went to the assistance of their fallen comp lice, whom they dragged in a semi-conscious condition out of the house. Mr. Forde seized a number of counter weights which he hurled after the fleeing raiders, who were last seen to be going in the Oranmore direction.

OBITUARY.

CAPTAIN T. A. CREGAN.

We regret to announce the death of Captain Thomas Ashe Cregan, Master Mariner, which took place on the 1st January at the Royal Hospital, Donnybrook, Dublin. Son of the late Christian Thomas Cregan, for some time Secretary and Librarian of the Dublin Library, and grandson of the Rev. William Sandes Ashe, Rector of Killenvoye, Roscommon, and of the late Martin Cregan, President of the Royal Hibernian Academy, Captain Cregan was born in Dublin in 1856, receiving his education at Dr. Benson's Rathmines School. At the age of 23 he went to sea as an apprentice, and after a service of eight years obtained a Master Mariner's certificate. Entering the service of the late Sir William Pearce, Bart., M.P., of Fairfield renown, he was placed in command of one of the steamships of the Fairfield fleet, and in a comparatively short time was appointed by the firm Superintendent Captain, acting, at the same time, as confidential adviser to Sir William Pearce in all matters connected with the practical side of seamanship.

The late Captain Cregan, at the age of 25, had the unusual honour to command the ss. Boadicea, which, after being commissioned in the Clyde, was taken to the Thames and placed at the disposal of the Prince of Wales. So well did Captain Cregan acquit himself while the Prince was in his care that at the end of the cruise His Royal Highness personally expressed his thanks to him.

One of the first to advocate the use of oil at sea, Captain Cregan lived to see this means of saving life adopted all the world over. As a member for many years of the Scottish Shipmasters' Association, he did much to further the work of that body for the benefit of his seafaring brethren. During his early life Captain Cregan, who possessed the Science and Art Department's (London) Honours Certificate in Navigation, and First-Class Certificate in Nautical Astronomy, acted for some years as Assistant Master of Seamanship and demonstrator in the Government School, Leith, and during his career afloat he met with many vicissitudes, such as the blowing up of his ship, foundering, collision, burning of the boat to the water line, and on one occasion he was washed overboard. He was a contributor to "Knowledge," and some of his articles attracted considerable attention.

Captain Cregan lived for the past ten years in retirement at Sandymount, and was an ardent member of the Masonic Order (Scotch Constitution).

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL HUSSEY-WALSH.

The *Times* announces that Lieutenant-Colonel William Hussey-Walsh, late Egyptian Expeditionary Force, died in London yesterday, after a long illness, at the age of 61. He was the second son of Walter Hussey-Walsh, of Cranagh and Mullhussey, Co. Roscommon, and brother of the late Mr. V. J. Hussey-Walsh. Born on December 16th, 1865, he was educated in France and Austria and at the Oratory School at Edgbaston.

In 1884 he joined the Cheshire Regiment from Sandhurst, and served in the Burmese War and the Chin-Lushai Expedition, also on the preliminary Chinese Boundary Commission. When the Great War broke out he raised and trained the 26th-3rd Tyneside Irish (Northumberland Fusiliers) and the 2nd Garrison Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers for service abroad. In 1916 he was made Commandant of the Cairo Citadel, and in 1917-18 he served with the Western Frontier Force of Egypt, being mentioned in despatches. From 1918-19 he was Base Commandant at Beirut (graded A.A.G.), and from 1919-20 at Port Said. He was fond of all aquatic sports, as well as riding, shooting, and lawn tennis. He married in 1892, Mary, daughter of Mrs. Fazakerley Evered, of Wadhurst Castle, Sussex, and leaves one daughter.

THE REV. HENRY M. LLOYD.

The Rev. Henry Minchin Lloyd died at the Rectory, Virginia, County Cavan, on New Year's Day. The son of the late Charles Henry Lloyd, of Lisheen Castle, County Tipperary, he was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, graduating in 1899. A year later he took Holy Orders. He served as curate of Delvin from 1900 to 1909, when he was appointed Rector of Lurgan.

FIRE IN GOLF CLUB.

£50 DAMAGE AT MILLTOWN.

At midnight yesterday, a fire occurred in the Milltown Golf Club, Co. Dublin, causing damage to the extent of about £50. The outbreak took place in the basement, and was due to over-heating in the pipes.

The Rathmines Fire Brigade arrived promptly on the scene, and in a short time had the outbreak quelled.

FIRE IN NEWSAGENT'S SHOP.

The fire brigade was summoned to a fire in Connell's newspaper shop, 12 Grattan crescent, Inchicore, yesterday morning. The flames had secured a strong hold on the premises, and the house was ablaze when the brigade arrived, but in half an hour the fire was put out. The shop and its contents suffered considerably from the fire, and a back parlour and a store room at the back of the premises were gutted.

Insurance at low rates with Phœnix Assurance Co., Ltd., 10-12 Trinity street, Dublin.—J. R. Warner, Manager. Agents everywhere. —(Advt.)

LESS CRIME IN BELFAST.

The Recorder of Belfast yesterday, opening the Criminal Court, said that there were only twenty-six bills to go before the grand jury. A year ago there were sixty-nine bills. That showed an improvement in the condition of the city, which, they all hoped, might continue to progress.

Male Clerical Class Examination Results.

CANDIDATES for the APRIL, 1925, EXAM. for MALE CLERICAL CLASS APPOINTMENTS in NORTHERN IRELAND should note that

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Intending candidates for next Examinations should enrol at once.

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DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

CONCERT AT GRANGEGORMAN.—A concert was held in Grangegorman Mental Hospital last Wednesday, and was very much enjoyed by the patients. The following contributed to the programme:—Messrs. P. O'Toole, Dunleavy, Con Drum, the Misses M. Porter and N. Finn. Mr. D. McLoughlin, the blind conjurer, gave an exhibition, and also played some selections on the clarionet, while the Misses Buckley and Comiskey gave an exhibition of Irish dancing. By permission of the management of the Tivoli Theatre, Kareno, the conjurer, and Grift, the "bubble king," gave exhibitions. Miss M. Phillips acted as accompanist.

CONCERT AT KINGSTOWN.—A concert in aid of the St. John Ambulance appeal was given last night in the Town Hall, Kingstown. Madame Berel, Miss R. Wade, Messrs. E. Keatinge, T. Shellard, and F. Macdonald, the Dalkey Band and the Abbey Pierrot Troupe contributed to the programme. The entertainment, which was a very good one, was organised by the Kingstown Nursing Division and the Glenageary Ambulance Division.

RICHMOND HOSPITAL ENTERTAINMENT.—The staff and students of the Richmond Hospital gave an entertainment to the patients last Wednesday night. The programme included songs and dances, recitations and sketches. The whole performance reached a high level of excellence, and was much enjoyed by the large company.

ORPHANAGES ENTERTAINMENT.—The entertainment which was to have taken place to-morrow afternoon in the Olympia Theatre in aid of the Dublin orphanages has been postponed to Sunday, January 18. Owing to the severe weather the child artists were unable to attend the rehearsals, and consequently would not be able to do justice to the three plays, dances, and concerted items.

DALKEY NATIVITY PLAY. — The Nativity Play will be repeated to-morrow, and on Sunday, January 11, in the Town Hall, Dalkey. These will be the last performances.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

ARRIVALS.—J. Cuddy, J. S. Owen, Mrs. Brown, H. Dudley Wood, C. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Somerfield, W. E. Agar, G. Stansberger, J. W. Smith, Capt. Banbury, Master Bunbury, Miss Leigh, L. Gleeson, C. Rogers, Mrs. Healy, Miss Lang, T. Berne, L. Nolan, J. Doyle, Miss Martin, Miss McKay, L. Hardy, E. Dalton, M. Costello, J. L. Burke, Miss Hanlon, T. Hanlon, L. J. O'Brien.

DEPARTURES—W. R. Heiton, R. H. Falkiner, Miss Dix, Mrs. Bomford, J. Owen, Mrs. Owen, Miss Hassell, W. G. Smith, Miss Ondet, H. E. Crilly, Miss Farrell, J. S. Owen, J. C. Cuthbert, H. Hunt, W. F. Whelan, D. Moore, Capt. Taaffe, G. V. Murphy, Mrs. Dowling, M. Healy, J. J. Lowe, Dr. and Mrs. Griffen, Miss Barnett, E. M. Magill, Miss A. Roche.

CONNAUGHT.

POSTAL OFFICIAL COMPLIMENTED—Mr. Joseph McHugh, Telegraph Department, Castlerea Post Office, has received a presentation from his colleagues in the Post Office and the members of the Castlerea brass and reed band, on his transfer to Ballyhaunis.

LEINSTER.

STEAMROLLER MALICIOUSLY DAMAGED.—A steamroller, the property of the Longford County Council, has been partly destroyed by explosives on the roadside at Clonee, near Longford. Pieces of the machinery were scattered about the road. The driver found a detonator and some lengths of fuse in the engine. Fifteen men are thrown out of work by the outrage. Recently there has been a labour dispute in connection with road work in the county.

KILKENNY UNION ESTIMATE.—The estimate of the Kilkenny County Board of Health for the year ending March 31, 1926, is £36,974, or £643 1s. 2d. less than that for the current year, which, it is estimated, will show a credit balance of £9,028.

OSTRICH DIET FOR COW.—In the stomach of a cow found dead in a byre at Gurteenminogue, Wexford, was found a piece of brass three inches long and a quarter of an inch wide, a smaller piece of the same substance much chewed, and a halfpenny.

NEW COLLIERIES.—The Ministry of Commerce and Industry is to consider the feasibility of opening the Firoda Coal Fields, Castleconnor, near the Skehana Colliery. An inspection is to be made and borings sunk to test the coal depth.

RATEPAYERS ON STRIKE.—The ratepayers of Lady's Island district, in County Wexford, have decided to withhold rates until the roads in their area are put into repair.

MUNSTER.

POLICEMAN'S DRINK.—For supplying drink to a Civic Guard while on duty, Julia Dennehy, publican, Parnell place, Cork, was fined 40s. and costs at Cork yesterday. Evidence was given that seven men knocked at the public-house door at 10 p.m., but were refused drinks. There was a Civic Guard in the street, and the men asked him if there was any chance of getting a drink. He replied: "I don't mind. You can have one if the publican will let you, and I will have one, too." They were admitted to the bar, and while having drinks a sergeant came in and caught them. The Guard was fined 40s. and three of the men 10s. each and costs.

KILRUSH LOCAL AFFAIRS.—As a result of complaints about the manner in which certain departments are being administered, the Committee appointed by the Clare County Council to administer the affairs of Kilrush Urban Council has decided to hold a sworn inquiry.

PRISON FOR STEALING BICYCLE.—Michael Meehan, described as sheriff's bailiff at Nenagh, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment at Roscrea for the larceny of a bicycle.

Mr. Frank McCullagh, Kilkenny, supervisor, Kilkenny Post Office, has retired after thirty-three years' service.

A shed, containing 80 tons of hay, at Ballaghadereen, County Mayo, has been destroyed by fire, caused, it is believed, by tramps.

The death took place suddenly last Thursday of Mr. William Ryan, of Messrs. Ryan and Harty, drapers, Barrack street, Nenagh. Mr. Ryan was well known in North Tipperary.

A verdict of Suicide while temporarily insane was returned at an inquest into the death of Patrick O'Conner, aged 70, who was found in his house, St. James's square, Cork, last Tuesday evening, with his throat cut. A sum of £144 was found in the deceased man's pockets.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

OLD MAN ROBBED.—It was reported to the police at Armagh yesterday morning that a robbery under arms was perpetrated on Thursday night at the house of an old man named Jacob Marshall, who resided alone at Derrycrew, near Loughgall, County Armagh. At 7 o'clock in the evening two men, one of whom was armed with a revolver, entered Marshall's house, where the old man was seated in the kitchen. They demanded £5, and Marshall produced a cash box with the intention of complying with their demand. The man who was unarmed, noticing that there was more than £5 in the box, seized the whole of the contents—£40 in notes, and £1,000 in deposit receipts. The raiders, who were unknown to Marshall then went away.

LONG LINE OF LAWYERS.—At Downpatrick Petty Sessions yesterday the magistrate welcomed a new solicitor in the person of Mr. H. B. Wallace, son of Colonel Wallace, C.B. He makes the sixth of the Wallace family, in direct succession from father to son, who have been solicitors. His great-great-grandfather, great-grandfather and grandfather at different times held the office of Seneschal of Downpatrick.

DOWN ASYLUM ESTIMATE.—Down District Asylum Committee has adopted an estimate of £37,950 for the year ending March 31, 1926. The amount does not include interest on, and repayment of, loans. The demand on the County Council was fixed at £33,500 for all charges, an increase of £2,400 on that of the current year. The increase is due to a smaller credit balance at the commencement of the year, and to the higher costs of provisions, principally flour, potatoes, cattle feeding, coal and clothing.

TYRONE GUN ACCIDENT.—At an inquest at Clogher on Thursday into the death of Constable John Semple, who died as the result of self-inflicted gunshot wounds on the previous day, the jury found a verdict of accidental death.

BALLYMENA COURT CLERK.—Mr. Samuel Henry Mehaffey, Acting Petty Sessions Clerk of Ballymena, and son of the late Clerk, was yesterday appointed Clerk. There were four applicants for the position.

£500,000 HOUSING SCHEME.—Belfast Corporation has decided to apply to the Northern Ministry of Home Affairs for sanction to borrow £500,000 for a further housing scheme.

INCREASED UNEMPLOYMENT.—There was an increase of 1,985 in the number of unemployed registered in Northern Ireland this week. The total number of unemployed on December 29 was 43,485, of whom 32,575 were men.

Mr. John S. Mitchell, of the Burns and Laird Lines, Ltd., Belfast, and formerly connected with the Ayr Steam Shipping Co., Ltd., has retired after forty years' service.

During the week ended December 20, 1924, the sales of Ulster Savings Certificates numbered 9,725. Since April 1, 1922, 2,385,317 certificates have been sold and £1,490,823 has been invested.

WATERFORD HUNT BALL.

A BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

The Waterford Hunt ball—the second since the Great War—was held last night in the large room of the City Hall. There was a large representative attendance. More than 200 couples accepted invitations in addition to the Waterford Hunt members. The following hunts were represented:—Cork United, Westmeath, and Queen's County. The ballroom was neatly decorated. The Council Chamber, the Mayor's office, and the Theatre Royal were used as ante-rooms and annexes.

The members of the various hunts wore their red coats, thus giving a touch of colour to the gathering. The scene was the most brilliant of its kind that Waterford has witnessed for many years.

Mr. W. A. Manahan's band supplied the music, and the catering was by Mills, of Dublin.

Among those present were:—Lady Osborne Beauclerc, the Ladies Katherine and Blanche Beresford, the Marquis of Waterford, Lady Irene Congreve, Miss Wyndham Quin and Lady Susan Dawnay and party, the Hon. Hugh Shore, Sir Robert Paul, the Hon. Claude Anson, Miss Anson and party, Colonel O'Shee and party, Captain and Mrs. Roche and party, Mrs. Bagwell and party, Captain Villiers Stuart, M.F.H. and party; Miss Calypse Barry, Mrs. Deane Drake, Lady Goff and party, Miss Theima Thuffs, Miss Mary Smith, Captain Hall, Miss Carroll, Miss Alleyne Gabbett, Miss Annesley, Miss Daly, Mrs. Bosanquet, the Hon. Kathleen Browne, Lady Patricia Beresford, Lady Barker, Mrs. Helsham Yeo, Miss Clodagh Anson, Miss Leigh and party, Mrs. Gethin, Miss Day, Miss D. Halligan, Mrs. J. O'Brien, Mrs. Loftus, Captain Place, Mr. Ambrose Congreve, Mr. R. F. Bowen, Miss Pols, Mr. F. Houghton, Lieutenant Greene, 10th Hussars; Mr. and Mrs. Best, Miss Norah De Montmorency, Miss Hunt, Miss Rosie Brook, etc.

IRISH RAILWAY CLERKS' ASSOCIATION.

Addressing a meeting of the Limerick Branch of the Irish Railway Clerks' Association, Senator O'Farrell, Irish Secretary, referred to the amalgamation schemes. He said that the Association had succeeded in getting four important amendments inserted for the protection of the superannuation rights of the railway employés. The Limerick branch now was stronger numerically and financially than at any previous period of its history. The new Great Southern Company could, if efficiently worked, add, in a very material way, to the trade recovery and revival of prosperity in the Free State, and in this work the members of the Association were determined to play an important and unselfish part. Mr. J. J. Barry was elected Chairman of the Branch, Mr. P. J. Garvey was elected Secretary, and Mr. J. Barry, Irish Council delegate for the current year.

AUCTION BRIDGE.

(CONDUCTED BY "PALOMAR.")

Competition No. 40.

PRIZE ..... AS 2/-

1. The prize will be awarded to the competitor who stands in the play of the hand given below equal, or nearest, to the rendering of "Palomar," who will give reasons for any special features.

2. One side only of a sheet of paper must be used.

3. All entries must be addressed to "Palomar," *Irish Times*, Dublin, and must arrive not later than the first post on next Friday.

4. "Palomar's" decision on all points shall be considered as final, and no correspondence will be entered into on the subject of the competition.

5. All entries must be accompanied by the upper part of this article, which should be cut out.

SCORE.—Love-all.

AB are partners against YZ. "Z" is always the dealer, and "A" is on his left. PLAY THE HAND AS IF ONLY DUMMY'S WAS EXPOSED.

	Sp. 9 6 4 H. K 10 D. A 9 7 5 2 Cl. J 7 3	
Sp. A J 8 7 2 H. Q 7 3 D. 8 3 Cl. 9 8 5	A. Y. B. Z.	Sp. 10 5 H. 9 8 5 4 2 D. K 4 Cl. Q 10 6 4
	Sp. K Q 5 H. A J 6 D. Q J 10 6 Cl. A K 2	

BIDDING.

	A.	Y.	B.	Z.
1 No-trump.	No bid.	No bid.	No bid.	

Commence the game thus:—

Tricks.	A.	Y.	B.	Z.
1.	7 Sp.			

Place next lead below winning card. Star the winner of each trick, one point each. Number the tricks in rotation, and always give the result and reasons for play.

Result of Competition No. 39.

We have pleasure in announcing that the winner is Miss H. Byrne, "Rossmakes," Dundalk, Co. Louth, who, except for a slight variation, gave the lead at Trick 6, sent in a perfect rendering, equal to "Palomar's" in every respect.

THE PLAY.

Tricks.	A.	Y.	B.	Z.
1.	7 Sp.	3 Cl.	6 Sp.	J Sp.*
2.	2 Cl.	4 Cl.	7 Cl.	A Cl.*
3.	6 Cl.	8 Cl.	Q Cl.	K Cl.*
4.	7 D.	2 D.	8 D.	3 D.*
5.	9 D.	3 D.	K D.	Q D.
6.	2 Sp.	7 H.	5 Sp.	A Sp.
7.	3 H.	4 D.	7 H.	10 H.
8.	4 Sp.	9 H.	8 Sp.	K Sp.*
9.	6 H.	6 D.	4 H.	5 D.

Declarer wins the rest.

Result—A and B, 2; Y and Z, 11.

The lesson to be learnt here is the establishing the fourth round of an eight-card suit that is divided four-and-four.

The lead is the 7 of Spades, which the declarer takes with the Knave. He unblocks Clubs, and the suit clears. The sole re-entry in Dummy's Clubs is the 6 of Diamonds, and "A" is fortunate in holding the Diamond that is just one lower than Dummy's 6. Re-entry is, therefore, made probable.

In no-trumps, if you have an eight-card suit divided four-and-four, the chances are long in your favour for establishing a fourth trick. If you have no adverse suit, and can unblock your own eight-card suit, its fourth round can often be used to effect the impossible re-entry.

"Z" leads his Ace of Diamonds, then his Queen (to lose) with a "Z's" return of a Spade with his Ace, instead of his King (false-carding, to deceive "B" into thinking his partner holds the King, and to induce him to lead the suit again), loses his 10 of Diamonds to "B," comes in again on the next Spade lead, puts his 5 of Diamonds up to Dummy's 6, and scores five odd. Without this use of the 6 of Diamonds (in other words, if we ever throws on Dummy's Diamonds a discard), "B" cannot go game, although he holds four Aces, two Kings and two Queens.

Studying this hand, one will notice in Clubs "Y" could make a "grand slam"—scoring just four more points than "Z"—were both in No-trumps, and upsetting his hundred score with ease.

PATENTS, DESIGNS, TRADE MARKS: WM. SWART DOYLE, Registered Patent Agent, Consulting Engineer. Registered Patent Attorney. Advice Free.—23 College Green, Dublin.—(Advt.)

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The Prince of Wales will return to London this evening from Craven Lodge, Melton Mowbray.

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The Dowager Marchioness of Bute has returned to London from Cardiff Castle, where she spent Christmas with her son and daughter-in-law, the Marquis and Marchioness of Bute. The latter has quite recovered from the effects of the hunting accident which she sustained a few days ago. The Duke and Duchess of Hamilton, with the Marquis of Clydesdale, Lady Jean and Lord Nigel Douglas-Hamilton, will leave for Gstad next Monday. Lady Kathleen and Miss Pamela Pilkington have arrived at Morgino, where the winter sports are in progress.

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The Marquis and Marchioness of Sligo have returned to London from the country. The Countess of Cork has left London for Paris. The Earl and Countess of Bessborough are staying in the country, and will not return to London for a couple of weeks. Viscountess Mackenzie and Ferrard will return to London to-day from Corsham. Lord and Lady Plunket will arrive in London to-day from Stockton-on-Tees.

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Viscount Devonport has been staying at Wittington, his place near Marlow, since his return from Ireland, and is expected in London next Monday. Lord and Lady Louis Mountbatten are staying with Colonel and Mrs. Wilfred Ashley at Broadlands, Romsey. Lady Violet Astor is entertaining a house party at Hever Castle, and will return next week to her London residence. Sir Laurence Mackenzie and Ferrard will return to London to-day from Corsham. Lord and Lady Plunket will arrive in London to-day from Stockton-on-Tees.

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The Hon. Charles Fitzroy, who celebrates his majority to-day, is the only son of Lord Southampton, the fourth holder of the Barony, which was conferred in 1780 on Lieutenant-General Charles Fitzroy, grandson of the second Duke of Grafton. Lord Southampton has three daughters. The eldest is the Hon. Mrs. Mackerell-Brown; the second has just became engaged to Major W. V. Beatty, and the third, the Hon. Immy Fitzroy, has not yet made her *début*.

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Mr. Philip C. Creagh has left Eaton Brae, Shankill, and will reside in future with his daughter, Lady Blunden, at Castle Blunden, Kilkenny.

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The marriage of Captain William Anthony Taaffe, the 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment, and Miss Kathleen Callan, daughter of Mr. Philip Callan, of Dowdstown, Ardee, will take place quietly in London on Thursday next.

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A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Patricia, youngest daughter of the late James Wall, of Leamington, Warwickshire, and George Fitzgerald, eldest son of the late George Hewson, J.P., D.L., of Ennismore, Listowel.

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The marriage arranged between Dr. Michael H. Dobbyn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dobbyn, Riversdale, Waterford, and Miss Mona Bellamy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bellamy, Lansdowne road, Croydon, Surrey, will take place early this month.

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The Waterford Hunt ball—the second held since the Great War—took place last night in the Town Hall, Waterford. The attendance was very large, and the function was a brilliant success. It is said to have recalled the best traditions of the Waterfords.

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The annual ball of the County Wexford Hunt was held on Wednesday at the Strand Hotel, Rosslare. The music was supplied by Mr. Gratian Kelly's band, Dublin. The attendance, which numbered 160, included visitors from Waterford, Tramore, Kilkenny, Dublin and Scarborough.

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Mr. Joseph J. Coogan has returned to 31 Lower Baggot street.

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The Lady Ardee is organising a Ball in aid of the Jubilee Nurses' Fund, which will take place at Woodbrook, Bray, on Tuesday, January 20th. (See Public Amusements Column.)

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Belvedere College Union are holding their Annual Dance in the Metropole on Friday, 16th January. The Dance Secretaries are Messrs. T. Molesby and J. McGrath, 81 Lower Mount street, to whom applications for tickets (£2 2s. each) should be forwarded.

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The Carlow Hunt Ball will be held on Tuesday, 13th January, 1925.

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Switzer's Sale will commence on Monday next, January 5.

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Holmes' Sale commences on Monday next.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.

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Final Delivery of New Spring Millinery.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.

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Sale of Model Costumes, Overcoats, and Furs at greatly reduced prices at W. Leon's, 103 Stephen's Green.

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Elizabeth Arden, Venetian Beauty Preparations. Sole agents, Forrest and Sons, Ltd., Grafton street.

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Perfection in Millinery. Atkinson's Irish Poplin.—31 College Green, Dublin.

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Miss Dora Galway has resumed her Secretarial Training Classes at 33 Dawson street, Dublin. A few vacancies having occurred, intending students are requested to make early application. 'Phone 4680.

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Farrell and Stringer—Sale on. Model Gowns greatly reduced.—83 Grafton street.

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Wireless.—Hogan, 55 Henry street, Dublin.

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Slyne's Sale. Smart Coat in silver grey Zibeline, with fur exactly to tone, for 6½ gns. at Slyne's, 71 Grafton street.

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PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals:—R. B. D. French, Noeline Massy, W. G. Dasoux, A. E. Timlin, B. Shaw, Mrs. Dodd, Miss Billy Dodd, A. H. Treanor, H. S. Hanna, F. E. Ridge, F. Shanahan, T. W. Doherty, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Morris.

Departures:—W. H. Kearney, Mrs. Kearney, Mrs. R. S. Smyth, R. S. Smyth, Miss Nellie Bredin, E. M. Jones, F. F. Coales, Dr. McGrath, Dr. M. A. English, Mr. and Mrs. William Ewart Doyle, S. O'C. Mullins.

Other Arrivals and Departures will be found in "Dublin and the Provinces."

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McBirney and Co.'s Great Winter Sale, this and coming days. Write for Price List.

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Exquisite Bouquets, Wreaths, Crosses, Floral Designs, choicest flowers, shortest notice, lowest prices.—Ramsay's, 50 Nassau street.

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The Mansfield Sisters—Great Sale now on. Don't miss the bargains to be had in Millinery, Furs, Gowns and Sports Wear.—30 Wicklow street.

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Annual Winter Sale now proceeding. Genuine Reductions in all Departments.—Davis and Co., 45 Grafton street.

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THE SOUTH-EASTERN RAILWAY GRANTS.

The Westland Row Branch of the National Union of Railwaymen has passed the following resolution:—"We, the employés of the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway Company, have carefully noted the allocation of grants to the directors, officers and administrative staffs of this railway on the termination of its existence as a distinct company. We take the earliest opportunity of pointing out that the directors, officers and others so recouped for services rendered were in no less or no more degree responsible for the efficient operation of the system than were the members of the subsidiary staffs of the company's service, and we have to express regret that class distinction should be exercised in the matter of the allocation of grants, which leaves out absolutely all the employés embraced in the conciliation and shops' grades of the company's employment.

"We now find it necessary to submit this emphatic protest against the short-sighted policy of the company in this respect, and call upon the company for a revision of their decision without undue delay, and which will embrace all grades of this company's service."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

COMPENSATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Compensation for pre-truce losses, which the British Government pays for, is, of course, one thing, and compensation for post-truce losses, payable by the Free State Government, quite another. President Cosgrave's recent message, in which, apparently confounding budgetary estimate with payment, he inaccurately spoke of "seven millions paid as compensation," refers exclusively to the latter kind of compensation, whereas the semi-official communication in your issue of the 1st inst., stating that "awards amounting to between six million and seven million pounds have been made," refers exclusively to the former kind.

As the resemblance between the total amounts thus mentioned in the two cases might mislead numerous readers into the belief that the two statements deal with but one subject, and confirm each other, I set out, in tabular form, so far as I can gather them, the differences between the two kinds of compensation:—

	Compensation. First Kind.	Second Kind.
1. Losses to be compensated.	Property seized or "commandeered" by British forces.	"Damage during the de Valera disorders."
2. Payable by	British Government.	Free State Government.
3. Number of claims "referred"	38,597	?
4. Total claimed:—	?	Spoken of as "Fifty millions" (?)
5. Total awarded:	"Between six and seven millions"	?
6. Total paid to date	?	?

The public seem entitled to have all these blanks concerning their money affairs filled in, especially as it is a matter of many millions, and the most formidable-looking item in the Free State Budget.—Yours, etc.,

HENRY P. KENNEY.

Monkstown, Co. Dublin,
January 2nd, 1925.

IMPORTED CLOTHING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—We read with interest your two paragraphs in recent issues regarding a possible tax on imported clothing and the views of Leeds manufacturers. We would like to mention that a couple of months ago the manager of one of the largest and best equipped clothing factories in London was with us. He stated that, owing to the general conditions prevailing here, his firm would not open a factory in Dublin even if they got it for nothing.

Any of our customers who have spoken to us on the subject said that, if the duty were imposed, it would only mean that they would buy their requirements when in Northern Ireland or on the other side—a rather black outlook for retail clothiers, drapers, etc., in the Free State.—Yours, etc.,

"OUTSITTER."

Dublin, January 2nd, 1925.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In your issue of the 1st January you report that certain big English firms in the ready-made trade are contemplating, in view of coming protection over here, the opening of branch manufacturing firms. If our Government brings in protection without the covering bill, based on the French law, to protect native industries and manufacturing firms in this country, the cure will be as bad as the disease. Our little industries, with their limited output, cannot hope to hold their own, much less develop, against the branches opened in Ireland by the big English houses, with generations of experience, large capital and big output. Our native Irish industries will be simply wiped out, and our people left without reason for thrift, initiative or enterprise, while in the hands of foreign exploiters they will sink to the level of hewers of wood and drawers of water.

If real protection—I do not mean revenue protection—is going to come in, and personally I do not see anything else that can save us from national bankruptcy, it must come along with protection for our native capitalists and manufacturers.—Yours, etc.,

"TEA."

Dublin, January 2nd, 1925.

CRUELTY TO CATTLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Having witnessed thousands of cattle, sheep and pigs being shipped on board steamers, I beg to make a suggestion that can be acted on at once, with a little expense, which can be borne easily by both shipper and steamship companies. It is that a small quantity of straw be spread along the gangway and right into the steamer, when, I think, it will be found that cattle can be put on board with greater ease than at present. This plan would do away with a lot of the present beating and injury.

Cattle are more sagacious than they get credit for being. They know exactly when they leave the solid wharf for the spring of the gangway, which frightens them and makes them endeavour to turn back, instead of going forward into the vessel. The spreading of the straw does away with this fear and gives them more confidence.—Yours, etc.,

R. KOUGH.

Bray, Co. Wicklow, January 2nd, 1925.

A TAX ON CHRISTMAS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—You have done an immense service to the country by your recent powerful articles on taxation and economy, and it is to be hoped that their influence will be felt in the right quarter. In common with many others I have a grievance against the Government. To many of my friends in the Free State I have for many years sent a present of a toothsome Scottish product, not obtainable here. To my disgust I find this year that thirteen of these boxes were opened, and a demand was made for 3s. apiece before postal delivery—or a tax of nearly 40%. Does this imposition protect any industry? Does it create any fresh wealth, except the exaction of 30s. from these already grossly over-taxed citizens? I venture to say that these acts of Christmas plunder have made many citizens not only convinced "Free Traders," but bitter enemies of the Government.

The Government are, no doubt, quite indifferent, but they may be disillusioned before long. The country was never so dispirited—no enthusiasm, money never so scarce, credit never so restricted. This will continue until their extravagance is cut down by one-half. Unless this be done, no amount of talk will prevent impending disaster.—Yours, etc.,

"J. D."

Co. Dublin, January 2nd, 1925.

CHRISTMAS LETTERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—It is only fair to record that the postal delivery in Dublin during the Christmas period appears to have been carried out in a most satisfactory manner, and few complaints—apart from the tax on parcels from abroad—have been made. The letters came in quick succession, and, so far as I know, none went astray and all were up to time. In this respect we in Dublin can claim to have fared better than our friends in London.—Yours, etc.,

"SATISFIED."

Dublin, January 2nd, 1925.

NATIONAL ARMY HEADQUARTERS DANCE.

The second annual dance of the General Headquarters Staff, National Army, will be held on 9th January at the Hotel Metropole.

The Adelaide Melody Band has been engaged for the occasion, and there are still a few tickets left, for which application should be made to the hon. secretary. The Committee are introducing a number of novel features, and souvenirs will be distributed to ladies.

GLENCREE REFORMATORY.

The manager of the Glencree Reformatory states that a change of name and address has been officially sanctioned. The School will in future be known as St. Kevin's Training School, Lough Bray, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow.

AUCTION SALES.

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GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE

A BLUSTERY DAY.

REES CANTERS HOME ON LOW TIDE.

LIMBER DANCER UNPLACED.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

MANCHESTER, Friday Night.

There was a number of Irishmen present here this afternoon, who, when they heard that Low Tide, a seven-year-old Irish-bred son of Lomond, was considered by Coulthwaite to be a certainty for the Victory Hurdle Race, laughed the idea to scorn. They reasoned that though Coulthwaite might be very good at building up a horse he could not have transformed this one, who had shown little or no form in Ireland, into a likely winner of a race like this, even although he had only 10st. 8lbs. to carry and was ridden by F. B. Rees. So, they went and backed Joe Canty's mount, Limber Dancer, who was started in preference to Holy Fooks, from 7 to 1 down to 3 to 1.

The Coulthwaite party, however, would not be shaken in their faith in Low Tide, whose name was screamed so loudly from the house-tops all the morning, that a large part of Lancashire followed the Hednesford lead, and had the satisfaction of seeing Low Tide win in a canter from Prince Sadim by five lengths, with Coulthwaite's other candidate, Argo, a length and a half away, third. Indeed, Argo came from nowhere at the finish to get this position. Last year Low Tide ran but twice. One of his ventures was in the Broughton Hurdle, a year ago to-day, where he attracted no attention. At Warwick, in the following March, he did a little better, for he finished fourth in a small field to Entangler.

Since then he has been resting with such excellent results to his constitution that he had, as anticipated, only to go to the post to come back and win. He won with possibly a stone in hand—even more than Dudley had yesterday. The Manchester handicapper can hardly be congratulated on his work in either the Victory Steeplechase or this race. In the case of Low Tide, however, he could not reckon on the abnormal improvement the horse had made since he ran last time.

LIMBER DANCER'S FAILURE.

Low Tide is owned by a Mr. Bowman, who is, I understand, a hotel keeper up in the Lake district. For the failure of Limber Dancer, on whom a great deal of Irish money was laid, it may be said that Canty made a great deal of use of him. He was always racing with the pacemaker, George Crag, and headed him before entering the straight, only to find that between the third and second last hurdles the horse had run himself out.

It was a wild, blusterous day here, but except for one violent shower that sent everyone cowering into the back of the stands while the January Steeplechase was being run, it kept fine, and the light was very good, indeed. In strange contrast to the usual order of things at this meeting there was a big field for the Victory Hurdle, and Low Tide was generally the first favourite of backers when the market settled down. There was, however, a great deal of money for Limber Dancer, and the pair started joint favourites at 3 to 1. Phantom Charley was well backed, and Prince Sadim had many each way supporters. Four or five others had a following at 10 to 1.

The first to show in front was George Crag, and he made the running for a mile and a half, with Limber Dancer, the colours of the favourite being always prominent. Phantom Charley was also lying well up, but Prince Sadim, who had settled down in a bad position, was under the whip a mile from home. He ran gamely, and had made up a good deal of ground when they were coming into the straight. There Limber Dancer took up the running from George Crag, and was followed by Low Tide and Prince Sadim. Two hurdles from home Canty had his whip on Limber Dancer to make him keep his place, but the horse quickly dropped out.

LOW TIDE'S FINISH.

Then Low Tide shot to the front, to be challenged between the last two hurdles by Prince Sadim. The latter, who got to his withers at the last hurdle, had no earthly chance on this flat against Low Tide, on whom Rees had not the slightest difficulty in winning in a canter.

Coulthwaite had yet another winner, when Old Times, who made his first appearance as a steeplechaser when he won the Christmas Cup at Wolverhampton, took the Canal Chase by fifteen lengths from Shaun Or, one of the horses which Mr. E. L. Lloyd sent with Maureen Bawn to be trained by Tom Leader. Except for a slight mistake at the last fence the last fence, Old Times hardly put a foot wrong. In him Coulthwaite has a horse who is likely to shine as a 'chaser, for he looks capable of jumping anything in reason.

The other steeplechase was won by old Trentino, who is a standing dish on this course, for the Manchester fences seem to suit his racing style, and he has put up his best performances here. He beat the favourite, St. George, by two lengths, after both had had an equal chance at the last fence.

Young Ted Leader rode a very powerful finish on Desert Chief to win the Broughton Hurdle Race by half a length from Royal Orb. The latter was in front of him jumping the last hurdle, and was going strongly, but Leader fairly pulled the other along, to get up and win a good race. Leader ran Mrs. Fallaas well as Desert Chief, but the latter, after being prominent two hurdles from home failed to stay, and had to be content with fourth place.

Hogan rode his first winner since his accident, when he got Wise Folly home in the Peel Park Selling Hurdle by half a length from Mr. Arthur McCann's Cuypon. The latter was with bottom weight, but had no chance against the winner, who beat him easily by three lengths.

MERRILY'S EASY VICTORY.

Despite shewing up well for a mile and a half in the Stand Handicap Hurdle, but, entering the straight, he was beginning to hang back, and then Merrily headed him, and went on to gain a very easy victory for Mr. Stanley Harrison's stable. Trentino, Two Irish-trained candidates ran in this race, Maurice Gillois and No Worry, and the former was heavily backed. It cannot be said that he looked like winning at any time, but No Worry, who had settled down in a bad position, forged ahead, and finished third.

The racing to-morrow afternoon at Plumpton is not important. I like the chance of HUGH O'NEILL in the Keymer Steeplechase RATHCOOLE, or, in his absence, WALLSEND, might win the Novices' Steeplechase; while SPEAR O' WAR may take the Four-Year-Old Hurdle.

GAUTEE MOR.

"IRISH FIELD."

Commencing with to-day's (New Year's) issue, one of the best-known writers on English Racing will start a weekly letter on cross-Channel racing, under the nom-de-plume of "Barcaldine."

LEOPARDSTOWN CLUB JANUARY MEETING.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31st, 1925.

The following Races CLOSE on WEDNESDAY, NEXT, JANUARY 7th, 1925, with Mr. F. Harold Clarke, 6 Hume street, Dublin:—

THE DUNDRUM FLAT RACE of 300 sovs. Two miles and about 75 yards.

THE JANUARY SELLING HURDLE PLATE of 100 sovs. One mile and a half.

THE PADDOCK HANDICAP HURDLE PLATE of 100 sovs. One mile and a half.

THE FOXROCK STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Two miles and about 175 yards.

THE GLENCAIRN HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Three miles and about 100 yards. —(Advt.)

RIVIERA LAWN TENNIS.

MDLLE. LENGLEN RE-APPEARS.

CANNES, Friday.

Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen made her first official re-appearance in international lawn tennis to-day in the Beau Site Lawn Tennis Tournament, when in the mixed doubles she and Miss Ryan defeated Miss L. Hall and Mrs. Wentworth, 6-0, 6-2, and Mlle. Saint Omer Roy and Mrs. Brame Hillyard, 6-0, 6-0.

In the semi-final of the Men's Singles, Colonel Mayes beat Mr. Brame Hillyard, 6-2, 8-6.

AUSTRALIAN LAWN TENNIS.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

In to-day's play for the Singles Championship in the Metropolitan Lawn Tennis Tournament, J. B. Hawkes beat J. D. Jones, 6-1, 6-4.

GOLF.

MILLTOWN.—January Medal competition post-poned. Course closed.

AUTUN.—To-day—Monthly Cup (heavy).

RESULTS. MANCHESTER

1.0—BROUGHTON HURDLE RACE of £180; second £20, third £10. 2 m.

Mr. H. Sturdy's b. c. DESERT CHIEF, by Call Boy—Sky Wide—Sister Dora. 5, 11-3 ..... Carter 1
Mr. J. Adams's ROYAL ORB, 4, 10-7 ..... Y. Gowell 2
Sir D. Broughton's SUN CHARMER, 6, 11-7 ..... E. Rees 3

Also ran—Mrs. Fall (A. Sheddon), Bedpost (Tregrill), Orpington (J. Mosley), Sargus (B. Potter), Magic Rod (Mr. H. Delmege), Snow Crest (Waudby), Kelvin (J. Kelly), Final Act (Owner), Mesalliance (J. Mackey), Grange Lane (W. Speck), Case-Hardened (J. Drake). Off 1.0. (Winner trained by T. Leader.)

Betting—5 to 2 agst. Royal Orb, 3 to 1 each Mrs. Fall, Sun Charmer and DESERT CHIEF, 100 to 7 any other.

Won by half a length; two lengths.

1.30—PEEL PARK SELLING HURDLE RACE of 110 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. Hilditch's b. c. WISE FOLLY, by Black Jester—Verity, 11-3 ..... Hogan, jun. 1
Mr. J. M'Cann's COYNOU, 4, 10-8 ..... W. Horan 2
Mr. T. Lofthouse's QUILP, 8, 11-9 ..... C. Johnson 3

Also ran—Minikin's Pride (J. Mahony), Page (T. Leader), Early Bun (McMoran), Lioncess (J. Gowell), Gunsteikal (— Jones), Calmoss Penny (M. Scott), St. Clears (Mr. F. Dennis). Off 1.31. (Winner trained by Spittle.)

Betting—5 to 4 each, Lioncess, 9 to 4 WISE FOLLY, 5 to 1 Quilp, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by three lengths; a length and a half.

The winner was sold to Mr. Hasson for 420 guineas.

2.0—VICTORY HURDLE RACE (handicap) of £500; second £50, third £25. 2 m.

Mr. Bowman's ch. g. LOW TIDE, by Lomond—Lavinia, 7, 10-6 ..... F. Rees 1
Mr. M. Good's PRINCE SADIM, 5, 11-5 ..... T. Leader 2

Lord Londesborough's ARGO, 6, 12-1 ..... G. Fuller 3
Mr. Kershaw's Civic Guard, 6, 12-7 ..... J. Anthony 0
Major Wernher's Herne the Hunter, 6, 11-11 ..... G. Calder 0
Mr. Liddell's Phantom Charley, 6, 11-10 ..... Waudby 0
Mr. H. Cope's Fortune, 7, 11-6 ..... J. Sheddon 0
Mr. Dickson's Benediction, 8, 11-5 ..... J. Gowell 0
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Mr. Burke's Limber Dancer, 8, 10-8 ..... Joe Canty 0
Mr. H. Tall's Honeycomb, 7, 10-7 ..... A. Smith 0
Mr. Hennessy's Park In, 6, 10-4 ..... D. M'Kenna 0

Off 2.3. (Winner trained by Coulthwaite.)

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Three minutes after time George Crag got away, with Low Tide, Battle Cruiser, and Phantom Charley next attendants. After going about five furlongs Limber Dancer became second. Approaching the straight Low Tide was leading from George Crag and Prince Sadim; he had the race in hand at the distance, and won by five lengths; a length and a half separated second and third. George Crag was fourth and Fortune fifth.

2.30—MANCHESTER HANDICAP STEEPLE-CHASE of £711. Second £150. 3 m.

Major W. Hillas's br. g. TRENTINO, by Frontino—Enchanted Queen, 11, 12-5 Ma. Wilson 1
Mr. M. Benson's ST. GEORGE II., 5, 11-2 ..... E. Foster 2
Mr. C. Taylor's UPPER RATHDUFF, 10, 10-13 ..... J. Gowell 3

Also ran—Mount Rivers (T. Leader), Jink (R. Lyall), Wolsey (Mr. Learmouth). Off at 2.55. (Winner trained by Wilson.)

Betting—6 to 4 agst. St. George II., 3 to 1 Upper Rathduff, 7 to 2 TRENTINO, 7 to 1 Mount Rivers, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by three lengths; a bad third. Only three finished.

3.0—STAND HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of £711. Second £150. 2m.

Mr. H. Harrison's ch. m. MERRILY, by Jaeger—Ada Merling, 6, 10-8 ..... Gowell 1
Mr. W. Paul's FRISCINO, 5, 10-4 ..... Foster 2
Mr. C. Blackmore's NO WORRY, 10, 10-5 ..... W. Horan 3

Also ran—Derpote (Leader), Maurice Gillois (Joe Canty), Cuypon (J. Mason), Simon's Light (J. Scott), Mosquito (Owner), Celtic Mist (W. Sully), Lemstar (J. Mahoney), Vale of Resim (D. M'Kenna). Off at 3.3. (Winner trained by H. Harrison).

Betting—5 to 2 agst. Maurice Gillois, 3 to 1 No Worry, 5 to 1 Mr. Frankfort, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by eight lengths; five lengths.

3.30—CANAL STEEPLECHASE of 180 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. C. Taylor's b. g. OLD TIMES, by Roeslan—Thrills, 7, 12-0 ..... J. Gowell 1
Mr. R. L. Lloyd's SHAUN OR, 7, 12-0 ..... Leader 2
Mr. J. Hartley's EAGLE'S TAIL, 6, 12-0 3

Also ran—Santabel (F. Gurney), J. Mahony 3 (Owner), Jack Horner (L. Rees), Westview (P. Grace), Ardaile (G. Green), Kilbrain (E. Foster), Hammy (R. Greening). Off at 3.33. (Winner trained by Coulthwaite.)

Betting—7 to 4 on OLD TIMES, 5 to 1 agst. Santabel, 7 to 1 Shaun Or, 10 to 1 Ardaile, 100 to 8 any other.

Won by fifteen lengths; five lengths.

BOGSIDE.

SNOW CAUSES ABANDONMENT.

Snow fell heavily at Irvine yesterday forenoon, and the Stewards decided that racing was impossible. The second day's programme at Bogside was, therefore, abandoned.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Four-Year-Old Handicap, Plumpton—Granham, Mill Craft, Boult.

Open Handicap Hurdle, Plumpton—Flighty, Maiden Hurdle, Gatwick—Learles.

Evington Steeplechase, Warwick—Ware Wire.

White Horse Steeplechase, Haydock Park—Ware Wire.

Birmingham Engagements—Henry B., White Ronald, Illyrian, Irymount.

All engagements—Formidable, Hucraby, Joyous, Scoth, Conciliate.

COURSING.

LISTOWEL MEETING.

The coursing at Listowel, adjourned from the previous day, owing to the unusually fierce weather, was begun yesterday under slightly improved conditions. Always a large assemblage, and the visitors enjoyed what was regarded by everyone as some of the most exciting and interesting trials held in Munster for a considerable period. The hares were of the stoutish type, and no less than one per cent. reached the open.

TRIAL STAKE (No. 1).—For 16 puppies. Winner, £32; second, £8; two dogs, £6 10/- each.

Mr. William O'Shaughnessy's Spotted Hawk Again beat Mr. J. Burns' Thomas Tate.

Mr. J. Twamley's Freedom's Flame beat Mr. W. O'Leary's sandpiper.

Mr. J. R. Walsh's Julie's Darling beat Mr. William O'Sullivan's Spotted Joker.

Mr. P. J. Trant's Thomas Doorig beat Mr. T. O'Sullivan's Tower Hill.

Mr. Flavin's Farmer's Pride beat Mr. T. D. O'Sullivan's The Count.

Mr. James Walsh's Wild Fox beat Mr. William Collins' Carrigaholt.

Mr. D. Boland's Boss Croker beat Mr. C. O'Farrell's Parish Prince.

Mr. T. B. Sills' Coming Countess beat Mr. J. L. Barry's Bonnie Lilly.

II.

Spotted Hawk Again beat Freedom's Flame.

Thomas Tate beat Julie's Darling.

Wild Fox lost Farmer's Pride.

Coming Countess beat Boss Croker.

TRIAL STAKE (No. 2).—Winner, £22; second, £8; two dogs, £6 10/- each.

Mr. P. Rowan's Gay Lad beat Mr. D. Scanlan's Lady Rockville.

Mr. Hide's Ned of the Hill beat Mr. P. Sayles' Mr. Walsh.

Flavin's Onward to Glory.

Mr. J. White's Rathmore Lass Again beat Mr. M. O'Brien's Sandy Darling.

Mr. William O'Sullivan's Sunny Cave beat Mr. T. O'Sullivan's Faithful.

Mr. D. Boland's Lady Piper beat Mr. J. Clarke's Wise Maureen.

Mr. Flaherty's Royal Charmer beat Mr. W. Dowling's Woodford Cross.

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Won by three lengths; a bad third. Only three finished.

3.0—STAND HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of £711. Second £150. 2m.

Mr. H. Harrison's ch. m. MERRILY, by Jaeger—Ada Merling, 6, 10-8 ..... Gowell 1
Mr. W. Paul's FRISCINO, 5, 10-4 ..... Foster 2
Mr. C. Blackmore's NO WORRY, 10, 10-5 ..... W. Horan 3

Also ran—Derpote (Leader), Maurice Gillois (Joe Canty), Cuypon (J. Mason), Simon's Light (J. Scott), Mosquito (Owner), Celtic Mist (W. Sully), Lemstar (J. Mahoney), Vale of Resim (D. M'Kenna). Off at 3.3. (Winner trained by H. Harrison).

Betting—5 to 2 agst. Maurice Gillois, 3 to 1 No Worry, 5 to 1 Mr. Frankfort, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by eight lengths; five lengths.

3.30—CANAL STEEPLECHASE of 180 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. C. Taylor's b. g. OLD TIMES, by Roeslan—Thrills, 7, 12-0 ..... J. Gowell 1
Mr. R. L. Lloyd's SHAUN OR, 7, 12-0 ..... Leader 2
Mr. J. Hartley's EAGLE'S TAIL, 6, 12-0 3

Also ran—Santabel (F. Gurney), J. Mahony 3 (Owner), Jack Horner (L. Rees), Westview (P. Grace), Ardaile (G. Green), Kilbrain (E. Foster), Hammy (R. Greening). Off at 3.33. (Winner trained by Coulthwaite.)

Betting—7 to 4 on OLD TIMES, 5 to 1 agst. Santabel, 7 to 1 Shaun Or, 10 to 1 Ardaile, 100 to 8 any other.

Won by fifteen lengths; five lengths.

PLUMPTON

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME AND SELECTIONS.

A busy week will be wound up at Plumpton to-day, where, as usual, Poole and Bennett are strongly represented. The fortunes of these stables are usually worth following. In the Keymer Steeplechase Hugh O'Neill, who cleverly defeated Ardcona at Lingfield, should win, while Milton should take the Sussex Hurdle. Selections:—

Portslade Steeplechase—Bright Blue.
Wivelsfield Hurdle—Uncertain.
Keymer Steeplechase—Hugh O'Neill.
Sussex Hurdle—Milton.
Novices' Steeplechase—Rathcool.
Four-Year-Old Hurdle—May B.

1.0—PORTSLADE SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Second 6 sovs. 2 m.

	Age st. lb.
FLYING WINKFIELD (Mr. C. A. Rinc- wood)	Lerwill a 12 0
BALLYMACKNEY (Mr. Knight)	Doyle 9 12 0
TRUMPETER (Mr. Kingwell)	Rayson 6 11 13
MERRY MAN (Mrs. Willett)	Willett 6 11 12
KIS FUSI (Mr. J. C. Wood)	Stanley a 11 9
PRICKLY (Maj. D. M. Methven)	Powell a 11 7
BRIGHT BLUE (Mr. Wilmot)	G. Poole a 11 2
WIDMERE (Mr. C. Leveson-Gower)	Leveson-Gower 7 11 1
WRANGLE (Mr. P. Thrale)	Private 7 10 12
SQUARE CUT (Mr. Earlsfield)	Hammond a 10 10
STEADY MARCH (Lady Chesham)	Kemp 8 10 6
LADOMINE (Mr. J. T. Pearce)	Kemp 8 10 2
THE ANTELOPE II. (Maj. Methven)	Powell a 10 1
YOUNG HAZEL (Capt. de Trafford)	W. Payne a 10 0

1.30—WIVELSFIELD SELLING HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Second 5 sovs. 2 m.

	Age st. lb.
GRAYSTOWN (Mr. G. Bennett)	Ower a 12 0
JARDEN (Mr. T. Christy)	Orbell 9 12 0
CRUISER ARC (Mr. D. Dale)	Dale a 12 0
IRISH COUSIN (Mr. Hackett)	Owner 6 12 0
ROYAL BUCKS (Mr. Hammond)	Owner a 12 0
SUN CRAF (Mr. R. Lesch)	Hackett 6 12 0
GOLDENDALE (Capt. Leake)	E. Doyle 7 12 0
CUMBERLAND (Mr. A. H. Rose)	Rose 8 12 0
BROKEN VOW (Mr. F. Shaw)	G. Bennett 6 12 0
BATHCORE (Mr. T. Staples)	Hackett a 12 0
KONKY (Mr. W. Whiteman)	Burns 8 12 0
MORE PRIDE (Mr. G. Bennett)	Ower 8 11 10
UNCWETHEN (Mr. G. Poole)	Smyth 6 11 10
VENETIAN ROSE (Mrs. T. Greenwood)	Alden 6 11 10
COLCANNON (Mr. S. B. Peck)	Alden 6 11 10
SCARCITY (Mrs. R. N. Willett)	Willett 8 11 10
SUN GIRGLA (Sir Mathew Wilson)	W. Nightingall 8 11 10
BLUE RUIN (Mr. J. Courtauld)	A. Law 4 11 0
JACKEROO (Mr. G. T. Eaton)	Private 4 11 0
STRONSAY (Mr. Gregson)	G. Young 4 11 0
PREACHAVEN (Mr. G. Poole)	Owner 4 11 0

2.0—KEYMER STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. and 10 sovs. second. 3 m.

	Age st. lb.
LUKESTON (Mr. E. H. Tattersall)	G. Poole a 11 11
ST. ENDAS (Miss O. R. Black)	Stanley a 11 10
PERSEVERANCE (Mr. G. S. Lowe)	Hammond a 11 10
ARDEEN (Sir Keith Fraser)	Private a 11 8
PRIDE OF MANISTER (Mr. Collins)	L. F. Private a 11 8
MISCONDUCT (Maj. D. M. Methven)	G. Poole 6 11 3
HUGH O'NEIL (Capt. R. C. G. Wynn)	Gore 8 11 1
SOUTHPOOL (Mrs. G. N. Bennett)	G. Bennett 7 11 1
CONDOR (Capt. B. T. Stanyforth)	Woodland 8 10 11
MANBY GATE (Sir Robert McAlpine)	G. Poole a 10 11
PEACEFUL PROSPECTS (Capt. de Alvarez)	Private 7 10 4
OWD BOB (Mr. J. H. Batho)	Private 6 10 4
KAREL (Mr. G. T. Eaton)	Private 6 10 4
RED ZONE (Mrs. G. E. W. Franklin)	Mosley 6 10 4
CLONMEL (Mr. F. E. S. Groves)	Mosley 8 10 4
LEASINGHAM ROSS (Mr. F. Mosley)	Mosley 5 10 4
HIGHBALL (Maj. V. E. Mocatta)	Mosley 5 10 4
JEANSGEE (Mr. W. J. Rissell)	Rissell 5 10 4
HARD NAIL (Lord Stalbridge)	Rissell 5 10 4

2.30—SUSSEX HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. and 10 sovs. second. 2 m.

	Age st. lb.
MILTON (Mr. G. C. Poole)	G. Poole 6 12 7
TOMMY LONG (Mr. Greenwood)	Alden 6 11 13
TERENBLUE (Mr. Higgins)	Hackett 5 11 13
BERGATE (Mr. J. L. Harland)	Private 10 11 10
EMPEROR (Mr. W. G. Keogh)	Private 6 11 10
NONENTITY (Mr. C. Methven)	Powell 8 11 4
BRANDY BALL (Mr. Howeson)	Nightingall 6 11 3
TUSCAN (Miss A. A. Tyler)	Larkin 7 11 3
PETTICOAT (Mr. J. Watkins)	Private 6 11 0
MARTINIQUE (Mr. A. Halford)	H. Law 6 11 0
LINDHOLME (Mr. J. C. Mackay)	Butchers 6 11 0
KING THEOSTLE (Mr. W. Knight)	Bennett 6 11 0
PHILTER (Mr. O. M. Smith)	Bissoe 6 11 0
ANTELOPE II. (Mr. Osmond)	Larkin 7 10 12
ORANGE RIVER (Maj. H. Ewe)	Payne 5 10 12
LEASOWE (Mr. G. Johnstone)	E. Piggott 5 10 11
UNCERTAIN (Mr. T. A. Edge)	Smyth 5 10 11
ROYAL BUCKS (Mr. Hammond)	Owner 12 10 11
CHICO (Mr. Lambert)	Rissell 5 10 10
ALOPEX (Mr. J. Hutton)	G. Poole 6 10 8
BATTLE (Mr. H. E. Sloan)	Wells 7 10 7
MONTAGUE (Mr. R. Day)	Waugh 5 10 7
GRAYSTOWN (Mr. Bennett)	G. Bennett 11 10 6
ENCHANTER MOR (Mr. Wilmot)	G. Poole 6 10 4
NIFTY (Capt. N. Alvarez)	Private 7 10 0

3.0—NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. and 5 sovs. second. For four-year-olds and upwards which have not won a 'chase to the value of £60. 2 m. Age st. lb.

WALLSEND (Mrs. R. A. Cameron)	Cameron 5 11 2
RATHCOOLE (Mrs. Chester Beatty)	Beer) Leach jun. 6 12 0
FURY (Mr. C. H. S. Dixon)	Private 8 11 9
HIGH (Mr. T. E. Slee)	Private 8 11 9
GAPPIE (Mr. T. Frankland)	A. Law 8 11 9
CHARLEY'S CHOICE (Mr. C. Hoyle)	Private a 11 9
CONTRACTOR (Mr. A. M. Jones)	H. Turner 7 11 9
PAULINUS (Miss H. Rodocanachi)	Powell 6 11 9
DINNA KEN (Lord Suffolk)	Private a 11 9
HILAIRE (Mr. H. Tribe)	Private 6 11 9
LA FOSCARINA (Lt.-Col. E. R. Way)	Blacker 10 11 9
MERRY MAN (Mrs. R. N. Willett)	Willett 6 11 9
REDSTONE (Mr. C. E. Wilson)	Private a 11 9
LEASINGHAM ROSS (Mr. F. E. Mosley)	Mosley 5 11 2
MANTELET (Mr. C. C. Hairy)	C. Young 5 11 2
FARMHOUSE CHIEF (Capt. W. T. Holland)	Private 5 11 2
MOUNTAIN LAND (Mr. C. A. Ringwood)	Lerwill 5 11 2
SUNCIRCLE (Sir Mathew Wilson)	W. Nightingall 8 11 10

3.25—FOUR-YEAR-OLD HURDLE RACE of 85 sovs. and 5 sovs. for second. 2 m.

	st. lb.
ORMADA (Mr. Lees-Milne)	Powell 13 0
BLAGUE (Mr. Wyndham)	Powell 13 0
ALIETTE (Mr. T. Bibb)	G. Poole 12 7
MINSTRALIE (Mr. Tollinson)	Collinson 12 7
MOON MYRTLE (Mr. H. E. Sloe)	Wells 12 7
MAY B. (10lb ex.) (Mr. W. H. M'Alpine)	G. Poole 12 5
CAPPAWHITE (Mrs. D'A. Baker)	Martin 12 0
SPEAR O' WAR (Mrs. Bennett)	G. Bennett 12 0
BLUE RUIN (Mr. J. S. Courtauld)	A. Law 12 0
CAMBIO (Mr. Whitehead)	W. Nightingall 11 10
DARLEN FIZZ (Mai. H. Ewe)	W. Payne 11 10
HUMMING BEE (Mr. A. Firkins)	G. Read 11 10
CORDIE (Mr. M. Jones)	H. Turner 11 10
GAYBLOOM (Mr. A. Chaleraft)	Rayson 11 10
SLOVAIC (Baroness Zoche)	A. Law 11 8
JAPPEAU (Mr. C. Hoyle)	F. Hoyle 11 7
BAYREUTH (Mr. T. Walton)	Larkin 11 7
MAY MOR (Mr. C. M. Methven)	Powell 11 7
SUMMERCOURT (Mr. J. Hoyle)	Hoyle 11 7
IRISH CHEDDAR (Mrs. D'Arcy Baker)	Martin 11 5
FIRE STONE (Mr. S. Gultrey)	G. Bennett 11 5
SAPLES (Mr. T. Wells)	Wells 11 4
KNIGHTS (Mr. H. Betteridge)	Hanson 11 4
PSYCHO (Mr. S. B. Peck)	Alden 11 2
RED BRAVRE (Miss M. Rusi)	J. Reardon 11 2
CHRISTOPHER WREN (Mr. H. Peel)	Powell 11 2
BLACK JERRY (Mr. G. N. Smith)	Bissoe 11 1
LYNXEYED (Mr. T. Flitton)	Flitton 10 13
FOGGIE (Mr. A. Boxtall, jun.)	Orbell 10 10

HUNTING.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

January.	Mon.
To-day	Donaghmore X-roads 1.30
Thursday, 8th	Ito-Mile Bush 1.30
Saturday, 10th	Ashbourne 1.30

THE KILDARE.

To-day	Enfield 11. 0
Tuesday, 6th	Longtown 11. 0
Friday, 9th	Kildangan 11. 0
Saturday, 10th	Curragh Gate 11. 0

THE MEATH.

To-day	Brittas 11. 0
Monday, 5th	Rahinstown 11. 0
Thursday, 8th	Patrickstown X 11. 0
Friday, 9th	Rawwood 11. 0
Saturday, 10th	Killeu Castle 11. 0

BRAY HARRIERS.—To-day—Kilruddery, 1.30. BALLYWALTER HOUNDS.—January—Monday 5th, Crossdrum; Saturday, 10th, Newcastle. At 11 o'clock.

HILLSIDE HARRIERS will not meet to-day on account of the wet state of the country.

CLARE HOUNDS.—January — Tuesday, 6th, Crusheen; Friday, 9th, Hurlers' Cross. Meet at 11.30 o'clock.

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BILLIARDS.

SMITH'S 914 BREAK.

Both Smith and Newman played excellent billiards in their 8,000 up match at Manchester yesterday afternoon. Smith at the outset took his incomplete innings to 455, and later registered breaks of 115 and a splendid unfinished run of 366. Newman's chief breaks were 120, 230 and 104. Interval scores—Smith (in play), 6,000; Newman, 5,667.

Smith was in splendid form at the resumption in the evening, and without encountering any serious difficulties took his unfinished break to 914. Afterwards he made 96. The champion had runs of 138, 110 and 65. Closing scores—Smith (in play), 8,667; Newman, 6,096.

THE SECOND TEST.

AUSTRALIA'S RECORD SCORE.

BRILLIANT BATTING BY VICTOR RICHARDSON.

*MELBOUR

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

STOCKS AND SHARES :—

London Stock Markets easier.

Oils, Land, and Base Metal Shares strong.

Dublin Stock Exchange steady—Bank Stock strong.

National Loan, 92.

Manchester Textiles steady.

Birmingham Motor Shares improving.

New York Stock Market strong.

BANK OF ENGLAND RATE	4	per cent.
SAME DAY LAST YEAR	4	,,
IRISH BANKS RATE	5	,,
Do., DEPOSIT RATE	2	,,
LONDON DAY-TO-DAY LOANS...	2-2½	,,
Do., CALL MONEY	2	,,

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGES.

DUBLIN.

IMPROVED TENDENCY, DESPITE APPROACHING SETTLEMENT. FUNDS IRREGULAR. BANK STOCK STILL RISING. DUNVILLES SCARCE. RAILS HARDER. TEXTILES IRREGULAR.

Considering that the coming settlement will begin on Monday next, the Stock Exchange yesterday was on the whole satisfactorily disposed, and the indications point to good markets being again shown in the coming week. Government National Loan was firmer in tone. British Funds were better, but Irish Land Stock fell smartly. Banks were strong in anticipation of favourable dividend statements. Bank of Ireland Stock was good, and closed at a record price. Other Bank shares were well held. Dunville Shares developed distinct strength. Guinness opened better, but closed without change. Marconis were firm, and Radio Common were very strong and established a fresh record. Home Rails were idle, but firm. Dublin Trams were wanted. Alliance Gas were harder. Parent Tyres advanced, and Dunlop Rubbers were steady. Textiles were irregularly disposed. Calicos and Courtaulds were better, but Dunlop Rubbers marked time. Tobacco Shares varied a trifle. Shells closed under best.

Government National Loan repeated 92, and the Dead Stock rose ½ to 21⅛.

In British Funds, Consols rose ¼ to 57½. War Loan 5 p.c. ¼ to 101⅛, ⅛, ¼, and ditto 4 p.c. ¼ to 101. Irish Land Stocks were offered. The 2½ p.c. fell ⅛ to 58⅛, and the 3 p.c., after falling 1½ to 53, rallied to 55½.

The feature in Banks was the continued buoyancy of Bank Stock, which rose a further 3 to 282, 283. Munsters improved ½ to 68½, 9. Nationals ¼ to 20¾, and Provincials ¼ to 52½. Hibernians, at 7⅛, were firm.

In Breweries and Distilleries, Dunvilles were bid up 1½ to 14, but did not offer. Buchanan-Dewar fell 3d. to 69s. 9d., and Dublin Distillers Pref. repeated 20s. 6d. Guinness opened ⅛ better at 49¾, but later realised 49½.

Marconi Ord. repeated 31s. Radio Common rose 1½ to 13¾, and the Pref. ¼ to 10⅝. ¼.

Home Railway Ord. were idle, but 35½, the last price, was ineffectually bid for Great Southern Stock, and this company's Guaranteed repeated 55. Great Northern Pref. rose ¼ to 57¾, and the Guaranteed Stock repeated 52½. Cork and Muskerry Baronial repeated 42s. 6d.

In Trams, Dublin United Ord. repeated 4¾, and the Pref. rose ¼ to 9.

Parent Tyre Ord. rose 1s. to 30s. x.d., and the Deferred 3d. to 26s. 9d. x.d. Dunlop Rubber Ord. repeated 10s. 3d.

Alliance Gas Shares rose ⅛ to 6¾.

In Bakery Shares, Bolands Pref. repeated 5¾.

Among Manufacturing Shares, Bleachers eased 1½d. to 68s., Coals ½d. to 65s., 63s. 1½d., and Cottons 1s. 3d. to 54s. Calicos rose 6d. to 59s. 3d. and Courtaulds 4½d. to 60s. 6d., while the Pref. repeated 18s. 9d. British Celanese Pref. realised 12s. Imperial Tobacco eased 1½d. to 80s. 10½d., but ditto Canadians rose 3d. to 27s. 10½d. Lever Bros. 7 p.c. eased 1½d. to 21s. 3d.

In Trading, etc., Burke Debs. rose ⅛ to 9, and the Ord. repeated 85s. Findlater Pref. were steady at 11s. 1½d., and Alex Thom Pref. at 50s. Hugh Moore and Alexanders Ord. and Pref. were on sale, the former at 7s. 6d., and the latter at 50s., but the buying levels were omitted from the official list. Merchants' Warehousing Shares repeated 25s. 6d.

Other business done included Shells at 92s. 6d. and 91s. 4½d.

BUSINESS DONE AT ALL SESSIONS.
Transactions for cash marked "a."

National Loan...(92)	92	Dublin Trams...(6¾)	6¾
Do. Dead.....(91½)	91⅛	Do. Pref.....(81)	81
Canada .....(67)	67½	Do. 5 Deb.....(67½)	67½
5% War Ln..(101⅛)	101⅛	Parent Ord...(19/-)	20/-
		Do. Pref.....(54/6)	56/3
4% War Loan.(102⅛)	101	Dunlops	10/3
5½% Exch. Bonds....99½		Alliance Gas.....(6¾)	6¾
Reliable 5% Bonds 104½		Reliable Pref.....(94)	95
2½% Land Stk..(57½)	58½	Bleachers .....(68/74)	68/-
3% Land Stock..(64½)	65	Calicos .....(58/9)	59/3
Bank of Ireland		Celanese Pref.	12/-
(280) 282a 283		Coals .....(63/3)	63/1½
Hibernians .....(7⅛)	7⅛	Cottons .....(68/3)	64/-
Mun. & Lein.(68½)	68½	Courtaulds	60/6
Provincial .....(52½)	52½	Do. Pref.	18/9
Buchanan-Dewar ...69/9		Imp. Tob. (66/-)	66/10½
Dublin Distillers Pref.		Do. Canada	
	20/6		27/7½
Dunville .....(12¾)	14h	Lever 7% ...(21/4d)	21/5
Guinness .....(49½)	49¾ ½	Burke Ord.....(85/-)	92/6
Marconi .....(31/-)	31/-	Do. Pref.....(89)	9
Radio Common	13¾	Findlater Pref.	
Do. Pref.	10⅝		
G.N. Pref.....(57)	57½	Moore (Hugh)...(7/6)	7/6a
Do. Gear.....(62½)	62½	Do. Pref...(48/4)	50/-
G.S. Ord.	35½h	Thom Ord.....(50½)	50/-
Do. Guar.	56	Mer. Warehousing	
Cork & Muskerry		(29/6)	29/6
(42/6) 42/6		Shells .....(92/6 1/4)	

* Odd lot, b bid, a asked.
(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Discount	5 p.c. 5th July, 1923.
Deposit	2 p.c. 5th July, 1923.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Mining contango day.....	Jan. 5 Jan. 19
General contango day.....	Jan. 6 Jan. 20
Ticket day	Jan. 7 Jan. 21
Account day	Jan. 8 Jan. 22

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

MANCHESTER.—Textiles a quieter market with little change. Bleachers, 67/-68/-; do. Pref., 32/-; Calicos, 38/9-39/3; do. Pref., 18/9-19/9; Bradford Dyers, 83/-84/-; do. Pref., 80/-80/6; Fine Spinners, 59/6-59/6; do. Pref., 19/6-20/-; Sewing Cottons, 64/-65/-; do. Pref., 19/9-20/-; Combers, 8/9-9/-; Coals, 63/-64/-; Ship Canal, 8½-11. do. Pref., 24-31; Velvets, 30/6-31/-.

BIRMINGHAM.—Motor prices steadily improving. Humbers and Rovers active and higher. Bluemels hardened. Standards dull. Austin issue heavy. Parents still unsettled. Austins, 5/10½; do. Debs., 86½; Bluemels, 37/9; Components, 3/6; S.T.D., 8/9; Enfields, 28/6; Hamburg, 28/10½; Napiers, 25/3; do. Pref., 19/6; Rolls, 29/6; Rovers, 12/6; Singers, 33/6; Standards, 48/9; Swifts, 4/3; Triumphs, 28/3; Vauxhalls, 5/6; Dunlops, 10/9; Parent Def., 27/-.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

ANGLO-AMERICAN TELEGRAPH.—Balance dividend of £1 10/- per cent. upon both Ord. Cons. and the Pref. Stock for the year, less tax, and a first and final dividend of £1 10/- per cent. upon the Def. Stock for the year, less tax.

BARCLAYS BANK.—Final dividend at rate of 10 per cent per annum on the A shares, and 14 per cent. per annum on the B and C shares, less tax (same as last year).

BATU KAWAN RUBBER AND COCONUT.—Dividend at rate of 7½ per cent., less tax.

CENTRAL BAHIA RAILWAY TRUST.—Following dividends declared for the half-year :—On the A Certificates at 6s per cent. per annum, on the B Certificates at £3 10/- per cent. per annum, both less tax.

CHAMPION AND SLEE.—Dividend on Ord. shares at 10 per cent for year ended 30th September 1924.

HUNTERS THE TEAMEN.—Interim dividend of 5 per cent., tax free, on Ord. (same).

JOHN WALKER AND SONS.—7½ per cent. on Ord. shares (interim), compared with 5 per cent. a year ago.

LOVELL AND CHRISTMAS.—An interim dividend declared on the Ord. shares at rate of 6 per cent per annum for the six months.

PEEL RIVER LAND AND MINERAL CO.—Final dividend of 5 p.c., and bonus of 5 p.c., both free of tax.

SCOTTISH MOTOR TRACTION.—Dividend of 8/- per share, tax free, for year ended 30th September (same).

STOCKPORT RING MILLS.—Dividend of 5 per cent., tax free, for half-year on Ord.

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LONDON STOCKS EASIER.

SOME SPECULATIVE THINGS STRONG.

The London Stock markets resumed after the New Year's Day holiday under bright conditions and business was on a good scale, notwithstanding the approach of settlement. The Investment markets showed up well at the outset, but later dropped back, and here and there some heavy declines were registered. Oil, Land, and base metal descriptions were strong among the speculative issues. British Funds opened well, but gave way later. Funding Loan at 58¾ were ⅜ lower on the day, while Victory Bonds shed ¼ to 99⅜. Among Conversions the 3½ p.c. were an exceptionally weak spot, and at the close a decrease of a point was marked to 77½. The 4½ p.c., however, were well held at 97½. Consols remained at 57⅛, while War Loans were all firm and unchanged on the day. Treasury Bonds were maintained at 103¾. Indias were quiet and without alteration. Local Loans gave way, and finished ¼ below the previous close at 65⅜. Among Colonial Government Stocks, Natal 3½ p.c. 1934 at 81, New South Wales 6½ p.c. 1930-60 at 106, Queensland 6 p.c. 1930-40, and South Australia 6½ p.c. at 106, were all quoted ex div. Scrip issues were easier, Sudan 4 p.c. dropped ¼ to 22½, while South Africa Fives were ¼ down at 71⅞. Australia 4½ p.c. were quoted at 71⅜ or ⅜ discount. Victoria 4½ p.c., on the other hand, were the turn better, the final quotation being ⅛ up at ⅜ discount. Telegraphs were good. Marconi Ord. put on 1s. 3d. to 32s. 6d., while the Marine at 1½ were also ⅛ better. Radio Corporations were a good spot. The Common gained 1⅛ to 13⅝, while the Pref. finished a fraction better at 10⅛. Breweries were better, where any change was marked. Distillers were again in request, and at the close they showed a further improvement of 3s. 6d. to 65s. 6d. Watney Coombe Def. put on 2 points to 22½. Allsopp Ord. were unchanged, but the 5 p.c. Pref. at 85½ closed a point to the good. Guinness Ord. and Pref. were both unaltered. Iron, Coals, and Steels were firmer. South Durham put on 1s. 3d., while John Brown at 16s. 6d., and Pease and Partners at 21s. 6d. were 6d. and 3d. higher respectively. Land shares were wanted, and higher prices were the rule at the finish. Among News the only alteration of the day was that of a gain of ¼ in "Mail" Debs. to 10⅝. Nitrates weakened further. Alianza shed 1½ points, while Lagunas were ½ lower. Liverpool and London were both 1s. 9d. below the previous closing price, while Rosario dropped 2s. to 31s. 3d. Santiago dropped ½. Anglo-Chilian, on the other hand, moved up, and at the close an improvement of 1s. was recorded. Tarapaca put on 6d. Textiles were inclined to droop in places, but price alterations were small. Courtaulds were held at 3⅛. Among Miscellaneous, Dunlops remained unaltered, while Parent Tyres were also without change.

FOREIGN BONDS BETTER.

Foreign Government Stocks were better where any change was shown. Czecho-Slovakian Bonds finished a point higher, while Egyptian Unified were ½ to the good at 78. Despite a further drop in the franc, French Loans were both maintained. Greek 7 per cent. were marked 6¾ premium. Another good business was put through in Peruvians, but prices were not altered to any extent. The Ord. closed ½ better at 5, but others were repeated. Among Argentines, the 5 per cent. 1886 at 100 and the 4 per cent. Recessions at 78 were both x.d. Brazilian Funding Bonds were 83 x.d. Portuguese 3 per cents. were quoted at 26 ex-coupon.

BRITISH RAILS LOWER.

After a fairly good opening Home Rails exhibited a tendency to dwindle, and at the finish price changes were all in the downward direction. "Metros" shed a point to 82, while Districts lost ½ to 55½. Great Western at 108¾ and Midlands at 101¼ were both ½ down. North-Eastern 5 per cent. Pref. Ord. at 82½ and the Def. Ord. at 30¾ were ¼ and ⅛ lower respectively. Southerns were all held. Under-ground Ord. dropped back to 3, a fall of ¼ on the day.

FOREIGN RAILS FIRM.

A generally firm tone was noticeable in Colonial and Foreign Rails. Buenos Ayres issues were all firm, but no further alteration was recorded. Canadian Pacific repeated 150, but Grand Trunk Pacific 4 per cent. Debs. shed a further point to 64½. Cordoba Central Ord. gained ½ to 15½, but others were unchanged. United Havana were a good spot, and at the close an increase of 1½ points was marked to 88. San Paulo put on a point to 152. Argentine Great Western Ord. moved 162. Argentine Great Western Ord. moved ½ up to 79½, a gain of ¼, while Entre Rios 6 per cent. Cons. Pref. at 86½ were also ½ to the good. Mexicans were steady at former levels.

OIL SHARES GOOD IN TONE.

Outstanding features of strength and activity were provided in the Oil Share market yesterday by Shells and Royal Dutch, and following the lead given by these two shares other favourites had an improving tendency. Business generally was on a satisfactory scale, further evidence being afforded of a return of public interest. The recognised leaders, and in particular Royal Dutch and Shells, again received active attention. Large lines of these shares changed hands at steadily improving prices, the closing quotation in each case being the best of the day. Anglo-Persian Shares registered an advance, and Burmahs met with increased attention and also improved. A further gain was recorded in Anglo-Americans. The Mexican Eagle issues remained on the dull side, business in them being of little importance. In other oil descriptions, Lobitos remained on the dull side, a further loss occurring in the shares, but Kern Rivers quickly responded to a moderate demand, few shares actually changing hands.

RUBBER SHARES IRREGULAR.

An irregular tendency was manifest in the Rubber share market yesterday. Business was on a good scale, and price changes were consequently numerous. A number of the issues finished the day at a slightly lower figure, but the majority of alterations were in favour of holders. Sungei Choh were an exceptionally bright feature, and at the finish they marked an improvement of 6s. 9d. to 28s. Sumatra Consols put on 2s. 6d., while Java Amalgamated were 2s. 10½d. better. Malacca, on the other hand, shed 2s. 3d. to 38s. 9d. The price of rubber was 20d. per lb.

TEA SHARES WEAK.

A weaker tendency was manifest in the Tea share market yesterday, and prices were, with few exceptions, on the down grade. Business was, as a rule, on a much smaller scale, and, except for a few of the leaders and a couple or so of the more speculative issues, the market was practically neglected.

INDUSTRIALS IRREGULAR.

Quite a fair amount of business was put through in the Miscellaneous and Industrial markets yesterday. The general tendency was irregular, though several good features presented themselves. Motor Shares remained firm, Humbers further advancing, and Iron, Coal, and Steels closed higher where changed. Shipping securities were steadier. Nitrates finished lower in many instances, but the tendency at the close was harder. Tobaccos were more or less steadily, though Albert Baker gave way. Many shares displayed firmness, but hesitancy was observable among Insurances. Apart from Courtaulds, which, in response to a renewed demand, changed hands up to 60s., and finished 4½d. better on balance at 60s. 9d., little of interest transpired in Textiles. The Marconi group developed firmness, the Ord. rising ⅞ to 1⅛, while the Pref. and Marines both gained ⅛ at 1⅞ and 1¼ respectively. In the Brewery market, Watney Def. came into favour once again, as a result of which they finished 6 better at 22½. Allsopp Pref. were wanted, and finished 1 up at 85½, and City of Londons exhibited strength at 40s. 6d., or 3s. 6d. higher, but Courage eased to 45s. 3d. Among Whiskey Shares, Distillers provided the feature on merger rumours and on the reported yeast of 67s., and, after an active business up to 67s., closed 4s. higher at 66s. 6d. Booths Distilleries put on 6d. to 16s. 6d., but Buchanan-Dewars came on offer and relapsed to 69s., or 1s. 6d. lower. Renewed strength was exhibited by Swedish Match "A" and "B" Shares; the former finished 1 better at 11⅛, and the latter put on ⅛ to 10⅜. Lindens exhibited renewed activity, and finished with a gain of ⅛ at 1⅝. Nelson Bros. hardened to 2s. ex div., but Bovril Def. shed 3d. to 46s. 9d., as did also Maypole Def. to 5s. 6d.

TRAFFICS.

Carthagena and Herrerias Steam Tramways—December, £2,051; increase £428. Delhi Umballa Kalka Railway—Week to December 27, Rs.102,000; increase, Rs.16,001. Hamilton Delta Light Railways—Period to December 20, £1,000; increase, £93. Ingrave Steeple Pastile Tramway, Light and Power—November, estimated net earnings after deducting Canadian and Ferry Office Expenses, £108,230 (Mexican Pesos). Madras Electric Tramways—Fortnight to December 23, Rs.54,187; decrease, Rs.6,011. Argentine Light Rs.54,187; decrease, Rs.6,011. Argentine Light Railways—December, £44,049; increase £4,938. Argentine Transandine Railway—Week to December 27, £3,106; decrease £706. Madras and Southern Mahratta—Week to December 6, Rs.1,446,000; decrease Rs.12,807.

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES.

CONSOLS, ETC.

Consols	57⅛	4½ % Conv. Ln.	86½
War Ln. 5% ...	101⅛	3½ Treas. Bds.	77½
4%	92⅞	Irish Land 2½%	57½
5%	101⅛	Do. 3%	55½
4%	101⅛	Do. 2½%	58⅛
Do. 4%	92⅞	Do. 3%	55½
Do. 5%	101⅛	Do. 2½%	58⅛
Fund'g Ln.	81⅞	Local Loans	65⅜
Victory Bds.	99⅜	Local Loans 3%	53½
3½ % Conv. Ln.	77½	Local Loans 2½%	44½

BANKS.

Anglo S. Amer	7¾	Hong Kong ...	39½
Anglo-Austrian	1¾	Lloyds	61 ½
Bank N. S. W.	49½	Midland	101½
Do. N. Z. ...	3¾	Nat. Bk.	24½
Barclays A ...	89½	Nat Prov'l Ord.	11¾
Brit. P. Trade	A¼	Natnl of Com.	47½
Do. Overseas	4⅜	Scand. (L.A.)	11⅞
Can. of Com.	41½	Un. Australia	114½
Char. of India	20¼	Westminster	18½

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Alberta 4½ 1942	83-88	Q'land 4.1940-50	88-93
Aust. Com. 5½	105-107	do. 4½ 1930-40	100-103
do. 6%	105-107	do. 4½ 1930-40	103-105
Brit. Col. 4½ 1941	93-97	S. Aus. 4½ Con	93-97
Canada 4½ ...	97-99	do. 4%	104-106
do. 4½ 1936-8	99-100½	S.A. 4½% 45-60	85-87
Canada 5% ...	100-102	do. 4%	100-102
Ceylon 6% ...	107-109	do. 5½	105-107
Natal 3½ ...	80-82	do. 3½ 1926-7	100-102
N.S.W. 4½ 17-27	87-90	Victoria 4½ ..	84-90
do. 5s 1922-7	98-101	do. 5s 1919-29	98-100
do. 6½ 1930-40	105-107	W. Aus. 4½ 17-27	87-90
do. 6s 1930-40	105-107	do. 5s 1930-40	101-103
N. Zeal. 4½ '29.	95-97	do. 5½ 1935-45	106-107
do. 4%	113-115	do. 6% 1930-40	103-5

FOREIGN BONDS.

M.U. Dec. 16			
101½	Argentine. 1886	99	101⅜
77⅜	Do. 4 p.c. Recessions	77	77⅝
92	Do. 1909	91	93
43⅜	Brazil 4 p.c. 1889 ...	43	45
84½	Do. Funding 1908 ...	83	84
73⅝	Do. 5 p.c. 1914	72	74
24½	Chinese 5 p.c. 1898 ...	23	24
87	Do. 6 p.c. 1898	86	88
18	Do. 5 p.c. 1912	20	22
10½	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds...	10	10⅝
76½	Egyptian Unified	77	78½
30½	French Loan	29½	30½
51	Do. 5 p.c.	50½	51½
7⅝	German 3 p.c.	7	7⅛
19½	Italian Rentes	19	19½
98½	Japan 4 p.c. 1899 ...	98	98½
79½	Do. 4½ p.c. 1907.	79	81
92	Do. 5 p.c. 1907 ...	92	94
44	Mexican 5 p.c. '99 ...	33	43
24	Do. 6 p.c. 1910 ...	20	24
4½	Peruvian Corporation	4¾	4¾ x
39½	Do. Pref.	39	40
28½	Do. 5 p.c.	28	28½
26½	Portuguese 3 p.c.	27	29 x coupon
107½	San Paulo 8 p.c.	107	108
—	Spanish 4 p.c.	62	63
61	Uruguay 3½ p.c.	61	62

BRITISH RAILS.

108	Great Western	108	108 — ⅛
101	Lon. Mid. & Scot. Ord..	101	101 — ⅛
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	81	82
—	Do. 4 p.c. Red. Pref.	80	82
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref...	97	100
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref., 1923	87	100
83	Lon. North-East. 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	82	83 — ½
30¼	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref. ..	30½	31 — ⅛
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref. ..	80	82
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref. ..	80	82 — ⅛
80½	Metropolitan	81½	82½ —1
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	92	102 — ⅛
84½	Metropolitan District	84	85
84½	Southern Pref. Ord. ...	84	85
41	Do. 5 p.c. Ord.	41	42½
41	Do. 5 p.c. Def.	41½	42½
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref. ..	18	19
—	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	101	103
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pf. '24	98	101 — ⅛
57½	Underground Electric	57½	57⅝
99¾	Do. Income Bonds	99	101
103	Do. 6 p.c. Debs.	103	104

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

87½	Antofagasta	86½	86½
—	Argentine G.W. Ord. ...	79½	80½ + ½
—	Bahia Blanca	7	8
—	Brazil Railway Common	26	28
86½	Buenos Ayres Gt. S. ...	87	88
82½	Buenos Ayres Pac. ...	82	82½
78	Buenos Ayres and	76	78
151½	Canadian Pacific	148	150
74	Central Argentine	74	76
—	Central Uruguay	77½	78
15½	Cordoba Central	15	15½ + ½
90½	Do. 1st Pref.	90½	90½
24½	Do. 2nd Pref.	24	24½
31	Entre Rios	31	31
82½	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	82½	82½ + ½
79½	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar.	79	79½
81	Do. 5 p.c. Perp. Deb.	81	82
16½	Grand Trunk Pac. Deb.	16	16¼ —1
23½	Hoboldhn	23	23½
74	Mexican Rails	73	74
25	Do. 1st Pref.	25	25
15	Do. 2nd Pref.	15	15
—	Mexican Tram.	4½	5½
86	Mexican Nat. 6%	86	86
125	Sao Paulo Ord.	125	126 + 1
137	United Havana	87	88 + 1½

AMERICAN RAILS.

—	Atchison	176	176 +1
—	Baltimore	46	46 +1
—	Canadian	150	150 +1
—	Chicago, Milwaukee ...	18½	19⅜
34	Erie	33	34 +1
—	Do. 1st Pref.	49	50 +1
—	New York, Ontario ...	26	28 +1
46½	Southern Common	46	47
—	Do. Pref.	89	91
—	Southern Pacific	97	98
137½	Union Pacific	137	139 +1

TELEGRAPHS.

24½	Anglo-American Def. ...	24½	24¾
1⅝	Marconi Wireless Ord....	1⅝	1⅞ + ⅛
—	Do. Def.	1⅝	1⅝
—	Do. Debs.	101⅛	103⅛
9⅝	Do. Marine	1⅝	1⅞ + ⅛
5⅜	Do. Canada	5 3/16	5 3/16
—	Oriental Telephone	15½	15½
9¾	Pacific & European Telegraph	10½	11⅛ + ⅛
—	Do. Pref. (£50)	10½	10½ + ⅛

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.

158	Allsopp 5% Shares.....	85	85½ +1
99½	Do. 5% Pref.	85	85½
—	Barn. Ratcliff 5 p.c. Pref.	90	95
—	Bass	⅞	⅞
480	Guinness	493	500
—	Do. Pref.	21½	21⅝
20½	Power, Jameson Ord. ...	20½	20⅝
28	South African Breweries	28	28
27½	Watney Combe Ord.....	27½	27⅝
211	Watney Combe Def.....	213	218

FOODSTUFFS AND STORES.

20/9	Awaited Bread	1/-	1/-
20/9	Do. Def.	1/-	1/-
6½	Liston	6½	6¾
4¾	Lyons (J.)	4¾	4¾
—	Maypole (J.) Ord.	20/3	20/3 +2/7½
5/5	Maypole Def.	5/6	5/6
—	Schlich's Meat	1½	1½
3/-	Sprat's Patent	3/-	3/- + ⅛
—	Union Cold Storage Pref.	1½	1½
24/4d	Van Den Berghs	4/5	4/5
—	Do. Pref.	4/5	4/5

IRON AND STEEL.

14/9	Armstrong (W. G.)	11/9	12/9
12/6	Bolckow, Vaughan	12/6	13/6
13/6	Dorman, Long	13/6	14/-
11/9	John Brown	16/6	17/6 +0/3
11/-	Do. (16/- paid)	11/-	11/-
21/6	Pease and Partners.....	21/6	22/- +0/3
21/3	Pease and Partners Def.	21/3	21/- + ⅛
23/3	Siemens	23/3	23/3
21/7½	United Steel	21/7½	21/7½
11/-	Vickers Ord.	11/-	11/-
—	Weardale Iron C.P.C....	1/-	1/-

LAND.

100	Aboukir Land	100	100 +0/9
1½	Arcuatine Northern Land	1½	1½
1/3	Australian Estates ...	1/3	1/3
11/9	B.N.B. Land	11/9	11/9
22/6	Forestal Land	22/6	22/6
5/-	Hudson's Bay Ord.	5/-	5/-
13/6	Niger Pref.	13/6	13/6
27/6	Nile Land	27/6	27/6
27/9	Rio Negro Lands	27/9	27/9
7¼	Sudan Plantations	7¼	7¼ + ¼

NEWSPAPERS.

6/6	Amal Newspapers Def...	6/6	6/6
100	Daily Mail Ord.	100	100 + ½
4/6	Daily Mirror Ord.	4/6	4/6
4/5	Sunday Pictorial Ord...	4/5	4/5

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIALS.

52/9	African and East. Trade	54/9	55/9
5/-	Anglo-Arg. Tram 1st Pf.	4/6	4/6
15/9	Assoc. Cement	15/9	15/9 -3/9
15/9	Do. Pref.	15/9	15/9
15/9	Bovril Def.	15/9	15/9
43/9	Brazil Rubber	43/9	43/9
27/6	British Portland Cement.	27/6	27/6
1/3	British Glass	1/3	1/3
13/9	B.S.A.	13/9	14/9
1/3	British Oil and Cake...	1/3	1/3
27/9	Brit. Col. Electric Rail...	27/9	27/9
—	Bulls 44 p.c. Debs.....	—	—
103/9	Brit.-Amer. Tobacco ...	103/9	110/6
23/3	Brunner Mond	23/3	23/3
12/9	Bryant and May	12/9	21½ —3
—	Do. 6 p.c. Red. Deb. ...	20/-	20/-
8/9	Dunlop Rubber	9/9	10/3
10/-	Do. Def.	10/-	10/-
—	Do. Amer. Tire Deb....	101	102
—	Do. Pref.	101	102
—	English Electric	20/-	20/-
—	Explosives Trades	20/-	20/-
20/6	General Electric Ord....	20/6	20/6
—	Do. Def.	20/6	20/6
—	Grampophone Ord.	19/-	19/-
18/9	Imperial Tobacco Ord...	80/-	80/10½
21/7½	Lever 7 p.c. Pref.	21/6	22/-
—	Lever 7 p.c. Def.	21/6	22/-
—	Lever Bros.	21/6	22/-
—	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	21/6	22/-
—	Mexican Trams	4/-	4/-
—	Do. Ord.	4/-	4/-
—	Do. Def.	4/-	4/-
—	Do. 5 p.c. Bonds	4/-	4/-
24/6	Nobel Ord.	24/6	24/6
24/6	Do. Def.	24/6	24/6
24/6	Do. Pref.	24/6	24/6
44/6	Parent Tyre Def.	26/-	30/-
26/-	Do. Pref.	26/-	26/-
24/3	Patit Bros. Ord.	24/3	24/3
24/3	Do. Def.	24/3	24/3
24/3	Salt Union	24/3	24/3
24/3	San Paulo Tram. Pref.	24/3	24/3
24/3	Shanghai Water Debs.	24/3	24/3
—	Tilling Ord.	24/3	24/3
24/3	Do. 5% Cum. Pref.	24/3	24/3
—	United Alkali	1/3	1/3
23/6	Wallpaper Def.	23/6	23/6

OILS.

M.U. Dec. 16			
3½	Anglo-Persian	3½	3⅝ + ⅛
11½	Anglo-American	11½	11⅝ + ⅛
11½	Anglo-Canadian	11½	11⅝
11½	Anglo-Egyptian	11½	11⅝
11½	Anglo-Persian 6 p.c. ...	11½	11⅝
—	Do. p.c. Def.	11½	11⅝
11½	Do. Ord. Def.	11½	11⅝ + ⅛
11½	Do. p.c. Deb.	11½	11⅝
11½	Do. p.c. Pref.	11½	11⅝
11½	Brit. Controlled Oil ...	11½	11⅝
11½	Brit

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IN LOTS TO SUIT PURCHASERS.

BY PUBLIC AUCTION AT 3 PARLIAMENT ST., ON WEDNESDAY NEXT, 7TH JANUARY, 1925, AT 1.30 O'CLOCK.

LOT 1.—Nos. 7, 9 and 11 Seafort avenue, Sandymount, are held under lease for a term of 99 years from the 25th March, 1916, subject to the yearly rent of £7 10s. No. 7 is Let at 13/- weekly. No. 9 is Let at £2 14/- monthly, and No. 11 is Let at £3 10/- per month. Total profit rent, £100 4/-. Annual profit rent, less rates, £100 4/-.

LOT 2.—No. 10 Seafort avenue, Sandymount, is held under lease for 90 years from the 29th September, 1849, subject to £10 per annum, and produces £49 4/- yearly. There is an annual profit rent, less taxes, of £39 4/-. Poor Law Valuation, £17.

LOT 3.—No. 96 Sandymount road is held under lease dated 28th December, 1917, for 99 years from 25th March, 1916, subject to the yearly rent of £5, and is let at £48 per annum. The annual profit rent is £43, less taxes. Poor Law Valuation £18.

Conditions of Sale from

Messrs. MILEY and MILEY, Solicitors, 12 South Frederick street.

JOSEPH FITZGERALD, DECEASED. ADMINISTRATRIX SALE.

No. 165 CHURCH STREET,

WITH SEVEN-DAY PUBLICAN'S LICENCE ATTACHED.

BY PUBLIC AUCTION AT 3 PARLIAMENT ST., ON WEDNESDAY NEXT, 7th JANUARY, 1925, AT 1.30 O'CLOCK.

The Premises are held under Fee Farm Grant, subject to the yearly rent of £10, and a Plot of Ground at rear, held under yearly tenancy, subject to £1 per annum. Poor Law Valuation, £22.

The Premises comprise well-fitted shop, cellarage, yard, sanitary accommodation. There is separate entrance to dwelling, which consists of drawingroom, diningroom, 4 bedrooms, kitchen, storeroom; electric light throughout.

The rent, licence duty and taxes only amount to about 17/6 per week.

Conditions of Sale from

JAMES FAGAN, Solicitor, 58 Parnell square.

Further particulars and Orders to View from the AUCTIONEER.

P. J. BYRNE, AUCTIONEER, 8 PARLIAMENT STREET.

SALES BY AUCTION OF HOUSE PROPERTY, GROUND RENTS, &c.,

WILL BE HELD AT

110 GRAFTON STREET,

ON TUESDAYS, 13TH, 20TH, AND 27TH JANUARY,

AND WILL INCLUDE HOUSE PROPERTY AT MONKSTOWN, RATHMINES, AND NORTHERN SUBURBS. Particulars of property which owners may wish to include should be received not later than ten days before Sale day.

JAMES H. NORTH & CO., AUCTIONEERS,

110 GRAFTON STREET.

ESTABLISHED CLOSE ON A CENTURY.

SALE THIS DAY.

IMPORTANT FURNITURE SALE BY AUCTION, TO-DAY (SATURDAY) AND MONDAY NEXT.

SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, CARPETS AND EFFECTS

REMOVED FROM CITY AND SUBURBAN RESIDENCES FOR CONVENIENCE OF SALE.

Comprising briefly :—Five Brass-lined Cottage Pianofortes, by eminent makers; several Gramophones, Records, and Musical Instruments; two superior Louis Mahogany Cabinets, Mahogany Music Cabinet, Piano-Player and 118 Music Rolls, several Mahogany Bookcases, Sideboards, Mahogany Suites, Mahogany and Oak Dressing Glass, 10 Mahogany Screw-expanding Dining Tables, with loose leaves, from 6 to 16 feet long; Chesterfield, Settee, Lounge and Easy Chairs, Occasional Tables and Chairs, Linoleum Oak Bedstead and Spring Mattress, 6ft. Dark Oak Bedroom Suite of 3 pieces, Oak Chest of Drawers, Walnut Blanket Chest, Mahogany Cheval Glass, 2 Mahogany Inlaid Chests of Drawers, very fine 6ft. Mahogany Inlaid Bedroom Suite of 5 pieces (double mirror door to Robe), 4'6" Satin Walnut Bedroom Suite of 3 pieces, set of 6 very fine Mahogany Scoutback Dining Chairs, hair-stuffed and covered in Morocco; almost-new Knitting Machine and accessories, cost £16, very little used; Stainless Clock, under shade; Lot of Ballad Harmonium, Hall Stands and Chairs, 2 pairs Metal Horses, Fenders and Coal Sets, Ornamental Glass, Mirrors and Double Mahogany and other Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Washstands, Towel Rails, Toilet Sets, Bedsteads and Bedding, Hair Mattresses, &c.; Pictures, Paintings, Engravings, Four Axwin Maple Bowls, 9'6 x 4'6, three by 3'1 9'2 x 1'80 rim; One "Kenilworth Machine," 9'2 x 1'36 dec One "Dunlop," 220 x 135 do; Silver and Plated Ware; also a quantity of Man's Boots and Shoes, &c.; together with a large assortment of Kitchen Furniture and Utensils, &c.

JAMES HILL & SON, M.I.A.A.,

AUCTIONEERS AND HOUSE AGENTS, 9 & 10 BACHELOR'S WALK.

MACARTHUR'S FORTNIGHTLY AUCTIONS.

PROPERTY AUCTION, FRIDAY NEXT, 9TH JANUARY

(IF NOT PREVIOUSLY DISPOSED OF BY PRIVATE TREATY).

"MAYVILLE," 2 CLONSKEA TERRACE, CLONSKEA. VACANT POSSESSION TO PURCHASER.—Just at end of Clonskea Tram Terminus. Neat house, having extensive gardens, and containing sittingroom, kitchen, 3 large bedrooms, bath. Ground rent, £5. Lease 76 years to run. Full particulars and conditions of Sale can be had from the AUCTIONEERS, or from

Messrs. J. C. O'MEAGHER and SONS, 44 Westland row.

6 KILLARNEY STREET (JUST OFF AMIENS STREET). VACANT POSSESSION TO PURCHASER.—Good Compact House; contains sittingroom, kitchen, 3 good bedrooms, rallid plot in front; yard and garden in rear; coalhouse and lavatory. Ground rent £6. Lease 99 years to run. Full particulars and conditions of Sale can be had from the AUCTIONEERS, or from

Messrs. LITTLE, O'L'DADHAIGH and FROUD, Solicitors, 12 Dawson street.

33 PENROSE STREET, SOUTH LOTTS ROAD, RINGSEND.—VACANT POSSESSION.—Neat House, containing sittingroom, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, yard and scullery, lavatory, gas. Ground rent, £3 12s. 6d. Lease 900 years. SEEN ANY TIME. KEYS WITH THE AUCTIONEERS.

Messrs. NOYE and O'REILLY, Solicitors, 12 College Green, Dublin.

3 HARDWICKE STREET. VACANT POSSESSION TO PURCHASER.—LARGE CITY HOUSE, within a couple of doors of NORTH FREDERICK STREET. Suitable for Hotel, Boarding House, or Flats. Contains 8 good apartments, gas, range, yard, and lavatory; electric light. The Premises are in excellent order, and ready for immediate occupation. Clear Vacant Possession will be handed to purchaser. Seen any time. Ground rent £12 12/11. Lease 900 years. Full particulars and Conditions of Sale can be had from the AUCTIONEERS or from

Messrs. J. C. O'MEAGHER and SONS, Solicitors, 44 Westland Row, Dublin.

GOOD COTTAGE PROPERTY. PROFITABLE INVESTMENT. 21, 22, 27, 28 JANE PLACE; ALSO 6, 12, 13 CANNING PLACE, OFF LOWER ORIEL STREET.—Very convenient to centre of city, and close to railways terminus. The Property is Let to weekly tenants, and produces £3/17/- per week. No. 21 Jane place and 12 Canning place are held for 500 years from 1858. Subject to £2 10/- per annum. No. 22 Jane place and 13 Canning place are held for 500 years from 1850, subject to £2 2/6 per annum. Nos. 27 and 28 Jane place and 6 Canning place are held for 500 years from 1856, subject to £3 8/- per annum. Full particulars and Conditions of Sale can be had from the AUCTIONEERS or from

JAMES FAGAN, Esq., Solicitor, 58 Rutland square, Dublin.

VALUABLE COTTAGE PROPERTY. CENTRALLY SITUATED. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 SHERRARD AVENUE, OFF BELVEDERE ROAD, N.C.R.—SIX GOOD AND COMPACT COTTAGES, each Let to weekly tenants at 7/- per week. Contains 4 good apartments. Purchaser can claim one-fourth of the Municipal Rate. The demand for houses of this class in the district greatly exceeds the supply, and the above is recommended by the AUCTIONEERS as a sound and reliable investment. Ground rent £12 (tot). Lease 450 years from 1899. Full particulars and Conditions of Sale from the AUCTIONEERS, or from

Messrs. M. S. BERGIN and CO., Solicitors, 56 Rutland square, Dublin.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

HOUSE AND FURNITURE.

552 NORTH CIRCULAR ROAD. ON THE PREMISES.

ON A DATE TO BE NAMED, if not previously disposed of by Private Treaty. Conditions of Sale from ROBERT H. COMMINS, Esq., Solicitor, 13 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin.

MACARTHUR & CO., AUCTIONEERS, F.N.A.A.,

79 TALBOT STREET, DUBLIN.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

AT 6 UPPER ORMOND QUAY, DUBLIN.

BENNETT and SON, LIMITED, will SELL BY AUCTION, AT THEIR LARGE AND WELL-LIGHTED SALEROOMS, as above,

ON THURSDAY, 8TH JANUARY, 1925, AT 12 O'CLOCK, ABOUT 400 LOTS OF MODERN FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS

Comprising :—A MAHOGANY DININGROOM SUITE IN THE CHIPPENDALE STYLE, consisting of 8 Chairs, Centre and Side Tables; A SET OF LIBRARY CHAIRS in Brocaded Frames, with leather seats; Kirkman Grand Piano in Walnut case; Besdoit do., by Collard and Collard; Set of 6 Drawingroom Chairs in gilt frames, with silk upholstery; Cut Glass Chandelier for 10 lights; Mahogany Bookcases and Cabinets, do. Dumb Waiter, Set of 6 Diningroom Chairs in Mahogany and Leather; Couches and Settees in Mahogany, Walnut, and Gilt Frames; Sofa and Loo Tables, Carved Oak Bookcase and Cabinet, Pair of Mahogany Hall Chairs, Inlaid Mahogany Grandfather Clock, Small Billiard Table, Oil Paintings and Engravings, Decorative and Household Glass and China, Gilt Framed and other Wall Mirrors and Overmantels, Carpets and Rugs, Hat and Coat Stands in Mahogany and Walnut; SILVER, PLATED WARE AND JEWELLERY; A LARGE QUANTITY OF BEDROOM APPOINTMENTS, including several All-Brass Bedsteads, with box spring and hair mattresses, and numerous other Miscellaneous Effects.

On view Wednesday, 7th January, 1925. Purchasers pay cash and 5 per cent.

BENNETT & SON, LIMITED, M.I.A.A.,

AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS, 6 UPPER ORMOND QUAY, DUBLIN.

"RIVERSIDE," HERBERT ROAD, PEMBROKE

(CLOSE TO LANSDOWNE ROAD STATION).

BENNETT AND SON, LIMITED, have received instructions to SELL BY AUCTION, at their SALEROOMS,

6 UPPER ORMOND QUAY, DUBLIN,

AT ONE O'CLOCK,

ON MONDAY, 12TH INST.,

THE ABOVE ATTRACTIVE PROPERTY.

"RIVERSIDE" is a well-built House of modern and economic design, in excellent state. It contains large entrance hall, diningroom, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen and servants' quarters. The out-offices are well equipped, providing garage, stabling and other accommodation.

THE HOUSE, WITH LANDS, amounting to 9a. 3r. 9p., Statute, are held under a lease of 150 years from 29th September, 1869, subject to an annual rent of £57.

POSSESSION WILL BE GIVEN.

Those interested can View the House and Grounds on and from Monday next, by arrangement with the Solicitor, M. L. HEARN, Esq., of Dame House, Dame street; or the AUCTIONEERS.

BENNETT & SON, LIMITED, M.I.A.A.,

AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS.

6 UPPER ORMOND QUAY, DUBLIN.

'PHONE—MAY 55. P. J. BYRNE & SONS' SALES. 'PHONE—BRAY 55.

ON MONDAY, 12TH JANUARY, 1925, AT 12 O'CLOCK, AT OUR PROPERTY SALEROOMS, QUINSBORO' ROAD, BRAY

(PER INSTRUCTIONS OF C. HARRIS, ESQ.).

SALE OF THE COMPACT NON-BASEMENT LEASEHOLD RESIDENCE, Known as No. 8 ST. AIDEN'S TERRACE, DUNGARIA AVENUE, BRAY, containing one sittingroom, four bedrooms, maid's room, kitchen, pantry, scullery, two w.c.'s, coal and henhouse, good yard with rere entrance. Modern sanitation. Gas laid on. The Sale will be effected by means of a subsisting lease for a term of 850 years, from 29th September, 1924, at the yearly rent of £8. The House is very conveniently situated, being within a few minutes' walk of railway station, sea, shops, and churches.

Further Particulars and Orders to View from

F. KENNEDY, ESQ., LL.B. Solicitor having Carriage of Sale, 2 Westbourne Terrace, Bray; or from the Auctioneers.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SALE OF ABOVE, WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE (PER INSTRUCTIONS OF T. M. COLLIER, ESQ.),

VERY VALUABLE FREEHOLD LANDS,

SUITABLE FOR DAIRY FARMING, BUILDING SITES, &c., IN TWO LOTS, AS FOLLOWS:—

LOT 1.—Part of the lands of Oldcourt, Bally Brack, containing 12a. 12p. Statute Measure, or thereabouts, held for ever free of rent. The above lands are situated in close proximity to the Town of Bray, and command a fine view of the sea. They are suitable for Villa Residences, Bungalows, &c., and have also a considerable grazing value for dairying purposes.

LOT 2.—Comprises Plot of Building Ground, having a frontage of 100 feet to Fair Green Road, Dargle Road, Bray, and extending in depth to a depth of 60 feet on the north side, and 71 feet on Thornhill, the south side, and 100 feet, or thereabouts, on the east side, from north to south. This Plot is situated in a thickly-populated district of Bray, and is very suitable for erecting small houses, &c.

Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale from

Messrs. PORTER, MORRIS, & CO., Solicitors having Carriage of Sale, 6 Clare Street, Dublin; or from

P. J. BYRNE & SONS, AUCTIONEERS, BRAY.

EXECUTORS' REALIZATION SALE.

WE, HAVING SOLD THE PREMISES, NO. 74 GRAFTON STREET, are further instructed to SELL BY UNRESERVED PUBLIC AUCTION the entire Stock of Gold, Silver, and Rog Oak Jewellery and Ornaments together with the fine Mahogany Shop Fittings, and a fine Residue of High-class Household Furniture.

Further particulars in later advertisement.

On View Wednesday, January 7th, 1925.

Sale Commencing 12 noon Thursday, January 8th, and following days.

GREENE & CO., AUCTIONEERS,

9-11 NASSAU STREET, DUBLIN.

'PHONE—343 DUBLIN.

COUNTY OF MEATH.

I HAVE received instructions from the Executrix of the late H. L. Clifford to SELL BY AUCTION, at 23 PRUSSIA STREET, DUBLIN, on THURSDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1925, at One o'clock, THE LANDS known as Ennistown and Coolbeg, containing 199 acres 1 rood 33 perches, Statute measure, held in Fee-simple, subject only to a Tithe Rent Charge of £5 10/- per annum. The Lands are situate in the Parish of Kilmessan, Barony of Lower Deece, and are within one mile of Kilmessan Station and four miles from Trim. There is a nice gentleman's residence thereon, containing three reception rooms, four bedrooms, pantries, bathroom, with hot and cold water, and extensive Out-offices, all in good order. There is a good water supply to the House and Out-offices and Lands.

There is a good Gate Lodge at back entrance; also two good slated Cottages on the Farm.

For further particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

Messrs. HAYES and SONS, Solicitors, 41 and 42 Nassau street, Dublin.

G. H. LENNON, M.I.A.A.,

Auctioneer and Live Stock Salesman,

29 PRUSSIA STREET, DUBLIN.

COUNTY KILDARE.

I HAVE received instructions from the Right Hon. Earl of Mayo to LET BY AUCTION, on the Lands of PALMERSTOWN DEMESNE, STRAFFAN (within three miles of Naas), on TUESDAY, 6th JANUARY, 1925, at 12 o'clock noon, the following Divisions of Prime Pasture Lands for Grazing horned cattle and sheep only up to 1st December, 1925:—

	A.	R.	P.	
The Goulauns	69	1	2	(Irish)
The Bottoms and Jack's Field	97	1	20	(Irish)
The Lawn	74	2	11	(Irish)

A careful herd will take charge of the stock, but the owner of the lands will not be responsible for loss or accident to the stock of any description.

A deposit of 10s. per acre and 5 per cent. auction Fees to be paid at time of Letting; balance by approved bill.

G. H. LENNON, M.I.A.A.,

Auctioneer and Live Stock Salesman,

29 PRUSSIA STREET, DUBLIN.

GRAZING—BALLYMUN.

2½ miles from City Boundary and 5 ditto from Cattle Market.

57 ACRES, in One or Two Lots—40 Acres and 17—good Keep and well watered. Apply to

W. SHAW,

140 NORTH CIRCULAR ROAD, DUBLIN.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, 1924. NO. 270.

THE COMPANIES (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1908, and in the Matter of

THE PAVILION CINEMA AND CAFE, LIMITED.

Pursuant to an Order of Mr. Justice Murnaghan in the above matter, dated 10th day of November, 1924, Mr. Charles Edward Louis Olden, F.C.A., as Official Liquidator, offers for Sale by Tender, subject to the confirmation of the Court, The Business Undertaking and Valuable Premises, known as

THE PAVILION CINEMA AND CAFE, LIMITED,

as a going concern.

The Buildings are situated in the best centre in Cork, and are held under leases with long terms to run, subject to a total gross head rent of £351 15/-. F.L.V., £580.

In addition to the Cinema Theatre and Café, there are three shops, one of which is in the occupation of the company, the other two being let on separate leases, the combined rent receivable out of same being £550 per annum, tenants paying own city and poor rates on £180 of the above F.L.V.

Tenders to be lodged with the Official Liquidator on or before January 17th, 1925.

For particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to—

CHARLES E. L. OLDEN, F.C.A., Official Liquidator of the Pavilion Cinema and Cafe, Limited, 11 South Mall, Cork; or to

W. RONAN and SON, Solicitors for the Official Liquidator, 94 South Mall, Cork, and 37 South Frederick street, Dublin.

BALLYBOHILL, CO. DUBLIN.

WE are instructed to LET BY AUCTION, on MONDAY, 12th JANUARY, at 1 o'clock, about 60 Acres (Miss Byrne's). This is considered to be some of the best Fattening Land in the County Dublin.

L. CUFFE & SONS, LTD.,

M.I.A.A.

5 SMITHFIELD, DUBLIN.

LANDS TO LET.

64 ACRES NEAR SANTRY.
47 ACRES NEAR MAYNOOTH.
51 ACRES NEAR TALLAGHT.
30 ACRES NEAR SWORDS.
30 ACRES NEAR CLONSILLA.

Particulars from:

L. CUFFE & SONS, LTD.,

M.I.A.A.

DOCKRELL LIMITED.

AUCTION THURSDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 1925,

AT OUR PROPERTY SALEROOMS, SOUTH GREAT GEORGE'S ST.

(BY INSTRUCTIONS OF ERNEST BEWLEY, ESQ.).

BALLYOWEN AND BALGADDY, CLONDALKIN.

CONTAINING 174 STATUTE ACRES.

ONE OF THE BEST GRAZING FARMS IN CO. DUBLIN.

Mr. Bewley's famous Pedigree Herd of Jersey Cattle have been grazed on this Farm for many years. It has every requirement and attraction that a farmer can want. The Land is prime, in great heart, and free from disease. There is an abundant water supply on all parts of the farm. The fences and gates are good. The County road runs throughout the Farm, affording easy access to every field. There is a comfortable two-storey House, with new slated roof, and containing 7 rooms, tiled kitchen, hot bath, etc. The Out-offices are all in perfect order, and comprise cow shed for 56 head, loose-box, trap shed, with water laid on; calf houses, stabling, car sheds, long range of pig houses, engine house, tool store, barn to hold about 250 tons hulls, yardman's house, 4 cottages. The farm is exactly 7 miles from O'Connell Bridge. Held subject to terminable annuities amounting to £176 4/4 per annum. Valuation £210 8/-.

Orders to View can be had from the AUCTIONEERS.

Messrs. A. and L. GOODBODY, Solicitors, Dame House, Dame street, Dublin.

ON A DATE TO BE ARRANGED LATER IN JANUARY,

WE WILL SELL THE ENTIRE HERD OF

70 JERSEY CATTLE,

ALL PEDIGREE STOCK, BRED FROM IMPORTED BULLS—BULLS, MILCH COWS, HEIFERS and CALVES. Also the Pedigree Herd of about

100 LARGE WHITE YORK PIGS.

IN LUNACY.

CHIEF JUSTICE OF SAORSTAT EIREANN,

In the Matter of

ROBERT MAXWELL CRAWFORD, a Person of Unsound Mind, Deceased.

PROPERTY SALE

THURSDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 1925,

IN OUR SALEROOMS, SOUTH GT. GEORGE'S STREET, AT 1 P.M.

LOT 1.—A RENT OF £13 7s 6d., payable out of the St. Lawrence Hotel, Howth. Held from 1851, for 100 years, subject to £11 12s. 6d., and leased for full term at £35, leaving profit rent of £13 7s. 6d.

LOT 2.—A RENT OF £30 per annum, payable out of Findlater's Grocery Shop, Harbour road, Howth. Held for 100 years from 1851, indemnified from head rent. Let to Messrs. Findlater and Co. for 45½ years from 1879, at £30 and taxes.

LOT 3.—A RENT OF £60 per annum out of 3 Shops and Building Ground, Harbour road, Howth, indemnified from rent, and held for 100 years from 1851. Let to Messrs. Findlater and Co. for 37 years from 1914, at £60 per annum and taxes.

Conditions of Sale from

Messrs. FREDERICK CROSKERRY and SON, 30 Lower Ormond quay; or from THE AUCTIONEERS.

DOCKRELL LIMITED. M.I.A.A.,

AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS,

SOUTH GREAT GEORGE'S STREET, DUBLIN.

McKEOWN, MacKEOGH & CO.

CLEARANCE SALE.

KILBARRACK LODGE, SUTTON, CO. DUBLIN.

HAVING disposed of his Interest in above Property, we are instructed by Joseph Reilly, Esq., TO SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Lands as above, on MONDAY NEXT, 6th January, 1925, at 12 o'clock, noon, 6 Large Tillers of well-saved Meadow Hay, 2 good Farm Horses, Milch Cow, Cart and Harness, Chill Plough, Turnip Feeders, Revolving Clean, Butter Worker, Pulper, Garden Seats, Saddle, Milk Cans, etc., etc.

WEDNESDAY NEXT, 7th JANUARY, 1925.

PIERCETOWN, DUNBOYNE—Letting of 80 Acres of Splendid Fattening and Finishing Lands (in one or four divisions, to suit purchasers), up to 1/12/1925, at 12 o'clock, noon, for Denis Farrell, Esq. These Lands are situated within 2 miles of Dunboyne Station (M.G.W.R.), and about 9 miles from the Dublin Cattle Market.

FRIDAY NEXT, 9th JANUARY, 1925.

KILTERNAN VILLA, KILTERNAN—Letting of 62 Acres of Rich Grazing Lands, in two divisions, at 12 o'clock noon, for Joseph Mooney, Esq.

SALE OF SPLENDID SHEEP FARM,

TICKNOCK, CO. DUBLIN.

WE have received instructions from John Nolan, Esq., to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in our Saleroom, 4 HAYMARKET, DUBLIN, on THURSDAY NEXT, 8th JAN., 1925, at 1.30 o'clock p.m., all the Interests and Goodwill in his Splendid Sheep Farm, situated as above, and containing 286a. 3r. 26p., or thereabouts, held in fee-simple, subject to an annuity of £26 5/6 to the I.L. Commission. P.L.V., £295.

There is a good stone-built and slated Dwelling-house on the Holding, containing 5 apartments, and the out-offices comprise hay barn, cowshed, stabling, piggeries and fowlhouse. There are also two enclosed gardens attached. This Property is very conveniently situated, being within 6 miles of the Dublin Market.

Messrs. J. H. WALSH and CO., Solicitors having Carriage of Sale, 1 Lower Ormond quay, Dublin. 'Phone 324.

SALE OF SPLENDID GRAZING OR DAIRYING LANDS.

WE have been favoured with instructions from John Kettle, Esq., to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, IN OUR SALEROOMS, 4 HAYMARKET, DUBLIN, ON THURSDAY NEXT, 8th JANUARY, 1925, all his Interest in his Holding, situate at Marshalstown, Clonsilla, Co. Dublin, containing 40a. 0r. 20p., or thereabouts, subject to an annuity of £24 6s. 0d. to the I.L.C. The Lands are all in grass, well fenced and watered, and are an exceptional water supply. The Property is very conveniently situated, adjoining the public road, and is only about 6 miles from the Dublin Markets, and one mile from the Town of Swords.

Solicitor—J. J. EARLY, 15, Henry street, Dublin. 'Phone 4770.

SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY of Splendid Premises situated in the best position in King Street, Athlone. Long lease. Low head rent. Particulars from THE AUCTIONEERS.

SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY of Excellent Grazing Farm, situated at Lough Station (G.S.W. Railway), containing 152 Acres. Annuity, £94 0s. 0d. to I.L.C. P.L.V., £127 0s. 0d. Good Residence and Extensive Out-offices. Particulars from THE AUCTIONEERS.

LETTING OF GRAZING AND DAIRYING LANDS

FOR COMING SEASON BY PRIVATE TREATY.

3 Divisions of Splendid Grazing Lands at Glasnevin, containing 18, 20 and 25 Acres, respectively, all suitable for Marked Paddocks. Situate at Glasnevin: 19 and 10 at Cloughran; 16, 35 and 23 at The Ward; 18 and 27 at Malahide; 60 at Belcamp; 35 and 41 Ballycoolin; 35 Ribbonwood; 40 Spriddlestown; 58 and 39 Rathregan; 21 Mulhuddart; 80 Kilmarnin; 30 Hacketstown; 30 Dunsoghly; 28 Ribstown, Dunboyne (good keep); 20 Maynooth; 35 Coolock; 35 Castleknock; 12 The Naul (allowance of keep); 5 Ballybrought; 40 Balgriffin; 90 Chapelizod (in divisions); 25 and 35 Ballyfermot; 30 Greenhills; 58 Clonsilla; 30, 15, and 15 Dolphin's Barn; 40 Lucan; 26 Woodside, Sandyford; 20 Westmanstown, Lucan; 20 Blundellstown; 26 Blatherney, Tallaght; 7 Bellavista; 20 Ballyboden; 20 Kilcock; 28 Kilgobbin, Sandyford; and 120 at Ashbourne, with plenty of keep, etc., etc.

McKEOWN, MacKEOGH & CO.,

Auctioneers and Valuers, Live Stock Salesmen, and Factors,

4 HAYMARKET, DUBLIN.

'Phone 3. Telegraphic Address: "Factors, Dublin."

PROGRAMME OF SALES BY JOSEPH LOWRY & SONS,

M.I.A.A.,

Auctioneers and Land Agents,

KELLS and NAVAN.

LANDS TO BE LET BY PRIVATE TREATY.

FOR GRAZING TO 1ST DECEMBER, 1925.

AT SOMERVILLE DEMESNE, BALRATH—	A.	R.	P.
In the Matter of			
Byrne's Farm	25	3	17
For J. E. Barrington, Esq. (the Agent),			
Horse Park	7	2	0
For the Owner.			
AT DREWSTOWN, KELLS—			
Dornan	16	0	14
Brick Field and Doyle's	9	2	0
Cow Field, Slang, and Millar's Field	9	3	11
River Field	38	0	0
For Major F. McVeagh.			
AT GRANGE, KILCARNE, NAVAN—			
Mullahill	15	0	0
Seven Acres	22	0	13
House Division	8	3	10
Twelve Acres	15	2	20
Gravelhole	15	2	0
AT KILCARNE, NAVAN—			
Boyne Field	10	3	24
For Exors. of John S. Fenton, Esq., dec'd.			
AT KNOCKUMBER, NAVAN—			